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Finding Peace Formula

Nanking, Mar. 12.—After another secret session yesterday debating the Government's peace policy, the Legislative Yuan announced that it had agreed to a three-point proposal to assist the Government's peace effort.

The points were:

- 1.—The Legislative Yuan would agree to approve re-spectively all the Government measures to solicit peace with the Communists during the period when the Yuan was in recess.
- 2.—In future all important national problems should be considered in the light of the opinions of both the Nationalists and the Communists.
- 3.—The Government should continue to act in accordance with the people's desire for peace.—Reuter-AFP.

Valley Tips

By "THE TURF"
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Countess Delight
Outsider: Belle Fontaine.

2ND RACE
Hop Yick
Stayer
Cooney
Outsider: Big Bluff.

3RD RACE
Anyway
The Dingo
Boom Town
Outsider: Argentine Moon.

4TH RACE
Care Free
Seafire
Brivisto
Outsider: Toolie.

5TH RACE
Skymaster
Golden Dahlia
Ben Wyvis
Outsider: Egyptian Field.

6TH RACE
Chief Witness
Frostlight
Amigo
Outsider: Arabian Moon.

7TH RACE
Reputation
Roslyn
Outsider: Jasmin.

8TH RACE
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Red Fox
Outsider: Golden Dragon.

9TH RACE
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Mamie
Tom Hat
Outsider: Poker Face.

10TH RACE
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Constant Star
Ann Hing
Outsider: Dashing Beauty II.

BRITAIN TO REINFORCE AKABA GARRISON

Israeli Troops Dig In Near Port Town Equipped With Light Tanks

London, Mar. 11.—Britain has decided to reinforce the British garrison at Akaba, the Transjordan port at the head of the Gulf of Akaba, it is learned from a usually reliable source. The British unit concerned will be transferred from the Canal Zone of Egypt in the immediate future. An official announcement from London may be expected this weekend.

A contingent of British troops, known as "Oulton's Force," was sent to Akaba last January, following a request made by the Transjordan Government for military assistance under the Anglo-Transjordan Alliance of 1948.

The request followed the Israeli offensive against the Egyptian troops in the Negev area of Southern Palestine in December, 1948.

Observers in London assumed tonight that the decision to reinforce the British garrison at Akaba had been made following the Israeli occupation yesterday of the Palestinian coastline adjacent to the Transjordan frontier, at the head of the Gulf.

Though, following the signing at Rhodes today of a cease fire between Israel and Transjordan, no military incident is expected on the Palestine-Transjordan frontier, the occupation in strength by Israel of the Southern Negev has been expected here to lead to a strengthening of British dispositions in Transjordan.—Reuter.

DIGGING IN

Cairo, Mar. 11.—A force of several hundred Israeli soldiers was tonight digging in the desert about one and a half miles from the Akaba perimeter, where British troops are on the alert for any attack, according to the latest military information in authoritative quarters in Cairo.

The information contained no suggestion of an attack on Akaba, where there are three United Nations observers.

According to reports received by authoritative quarters in the Egyptian capital, two Israeli columns were moving southward in the Negev Desert on February 25—each of about a battalion strength. (This varies between 500 and 1,000 men in the Israeli Army).

On March 8, the column moved toward the desert road in Palestine near the Transjordan frontier, and the other made a sweep through the desert, the reports said.

On that day, the Arab Legion engaged both Israeli forces, but the casualties are unknown. One of the Arab forces withdrew northwards toward Transjordan while the other fell back on Akaba.

HARASSING TACTICS
The Israeli force digging in near Akaba is stated to have a small number of light tanks, it is not known if the force has artillery.

Several hundred Arab tribesmen harassed the Israeli forces during the fighting near the Transjordan frontier in the past few days, according to reports in Amman tonight.

Most of the Arabs belonged to the Hawatit tribe, who won fame by their fierce fighting for Lawrence of Arabia against the Turks during the 1914-1918 war.

Tribesmen operating with the Arab Legion inflicted a number of casualties on the Israeli troops, the reports said.

Travellers reaching Amman from Samarra, Central Palestine, reported what they described as extensive troop movements on the Israeli-Transjordan frontier, it was added.

Orders for the execution of the Israeli-Transjordan preliminary cease fire agreement, signed at Rhodes today, are now being prepared, informed sources stated.

CEASE FIRE

The orders are being prepared "ready to be attested" by Dr. Paul John, the personal representative of Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations acting mediator, it was added.

Dr. John, who left Rhodes by air today to investigate the Transjordan charges of Israeli incursions across the frontier, is expected to arrive at the southern Transjordan port of Akaba on Saturday.

Transjordan and Israel signed a formal cease fire in Rhodes

earlier today after pressure from Dr. Bunche to avert a complete breakdown of their armistice talks over military activity in the Negev "wedge."

In Tel-Aviv, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, accused the Arab Legion of sending a small patrol across the Israeli frontier, 25 miles north of the "wedge" incident. Shots were fired but no one was wounded, he said.

It was near this point on the frontier that the Amman authorities yesterday charged Israeli forces with driving five miles into Transjordan territory.

There was no further news of fighting in the Southern Negev. The Israeli-Transjordan cease fire will be effective until superseded by a general armistice. It extends the scope of the Jerusalem cease fire in effect since November, but does not cover the Central Palestine "Arab Triangle" occupied by Transjordan's Iraqi allies.

BUNCHE'S WARNING
Dr. Bunche warned both sides yesterday that he would charge them with a breach of the Security Council's cease fire order if they carried on military activities in the Akaba area.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Sharett, firmly denied charges that Israeli troops had crossed the Transjordan frontier and said their movements were strictly confined to Israeli territory.

Israeli troops had made no contact with British troops stationed at Akaba, Mr. Sharett said. Israeli had assured the British Government "some days ago" that there was no question of any Israeli initiative against these British troops.

Nevertheless, Israel still considered their presence in Akaba unwarranted, he added. Emphasising that Akaba port was in Transjordan territory, the Israeli Foreign Minister said: "The entire Israeli Negev is in our hands and I hope it is well guarded."

The United Nations Mediator, Dr. Bunche, had been asked to speed up the sending of United Nations observers to Israeli-held Eilat, at the Gulf of Akaba, to "witness for themselves that there have been no aggressions or incursions," Mr. Sharett said.

COMMONS STATEMENT
In London, the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNair, told Parliament today that the British force at Akaba could "call on every available support."

"I think it is not anticipated that a call will be made, except in the contingency of a direct threat to our forces, which we earnestly hope will not occur."

"The situation has been urgently reported to the acting Mediator by the Transjordan Government. It is not yet known what report the United Nations observers have made on these events."

"No British forces have been involved in any action. The Foreign Secretary would prefer not to make any further statement until the reports of the United Nations observers are available."—Reuter.

Fighting Near Mandalay

Communications Severed

Rangoon, Mar. 11.—Heavy fighting raged tonight between Government troops and Karen insurgents in the outskirts of Mandalay, the ancient capital of Burma, according to the latest reports reaching here.

Telegraphic communications with Mandalay has been cut, it was officially learned.

A communiqué earlier stated that the Karens were attacking Government troops 13 miles north of Mandalay after their occupation of the nearby Army centre of Maymyo on Wednesday.

One hundred and twenty-two British civilians, some Americans and 82 members of the British Service Mission have been evacuated from Maymyo to Rangoon by air, including 46 women and children.

A Catalina aircraft has evacuated eight British civilians from Mandalay. Others have declined to be evacuated.

GOVERNMENT CLAIM

An official spokesman of the Government stated that the Karens were advancing along the Mandalay-Maymyo road, apparently to relieve a force encircled at Myingye to the south.

The communiqué claimed the Government was "in control" of all the areas between Tounsgo and Meiktila—central Burmese towns about 140 miles apart, lying between Mandalay and Rangoon.

Government troops "advanced into the enemy lines" in the Kyaukse district, south of Myingye, it said. It claimed "heavy casualties" on the rebels in clashes near Maubin in the Irrawaddy Delta between Rangoon and Bassein.

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ITALY TO JOIN
Rome, Mar. 11.—The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, tonight told Parliament that his Cabinet had unanimously agreed to adhere to the Atlantic Pact and to take part in the final discussions on its terms.

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ELEVEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION
Brunswick, Germany, March 11.—Eleven persons were killed and 30 injured in an explosion in the Watenstedt Steel Works near Slagitz, south of Brunswick.

The police said that the explosion in the scrap iron smashing plant was probably caused by an air hammer hitting a mine concealed in the pile of scrap.—United Press.

Munich, Mar. 11.—Two American soldiers were killed and a truck crashed 25 feet into the Isar Canal in Munich today. Three others escaped injury.—Reuter.

SINGLE CURRENCY FOR WESTERN BERLIN

London, Mar. 11.—The West German Deutschemark will be the sole legal currency in the Western sectors of Berlin before the end of this month, it was learned from a usually reliable source today.

At present the Soviet Eastern mark and the Western mark, surcharged "B", both circulate in Western Berlin.

The circulation of the "B" mark is restricted to Berlin and cannot be used in the Western Zones of Germany.

The replacement of the "B" mark by the Deutschemark will, it is hoped, encourage economic co-operation between Berlin and the West. The Soviet mark will cease to be legal, a course advocated for a long time by German political leaders in Western Berlin.

The Deutschemark and the "B" mark were introduced by the Western occupation authorities during the Soviet-opposed currency reform last June.

This latest decision is believed to have been discussed by Professor Ernst Reuter, Mayor of Berlin, when he met Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, last month.—Reuter.

Atlantic Alliance: All's Fine; Full Agreement

Washington, Mar. 11.—The eight nations negotiating the Atlantic Military Alliance were reported on Friday to have agreed on the final draft. Baron Silvercruys, the Belgian Ambassador, told reporters: "It's all fine, agreed and everything."

The Ambassadors of the eight countries had just met with U.S. Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson for two hours and 20 minutes. The Belgian Ambassador said the text of the defence agreement probably would be published next Friday.

The negotiations here reached an agreement last week on the text. Presumably, the Ambassador's remarks meant that the final draft had been approved by the home governments of all the negotiators.

Baron Silvercruys said the member countries probably would sign the mutual defence treaty during the first week in April.

Many of the Foreign Ministers that can will attend the signing, he added. He said the signing would be in Washington.

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Ho Accepts Premiership For The Second Time

Nanking, Mar. 12.—General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence, decided again to accept Acting President Li Tsung-jen's nomination that he should succeed Mr. Sun Fo as the new Nationalist Premier, it was authoritatively learned here early this morning.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen is expected to notify the Legislative Yuan of General Ho's nomination later this morning and to ask the Legislative Yuan's approval.

General Ho's final acceptance followed lengthy discussions running to a late hour yesterday with General Chang Chih-chung, General Pai Chung-hai, Mr. Ku Cheng-tung and Mr. Wu Cheng-hsin, who earlier flew to Hangchow where General Ho is staying temporarily.

Shortly after their arrival, it was reported that General Ho Ying-chin had reconsidered his earlier acceptance of Acting President Li's nomination, and was hesitating whether he should agree to become Premier.

PERSUADED
General Chang's party is understood to have persuaded him to accept the post. The party and General Ho are returning to Nanking today.

Just prior to the news of General Ho's final acceptance, it was reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who has retired, had reluctantly agreed to approve General Ho's nomination.

As leader of the Whampoa Military Academy clique of the Kuomintang, General Ho is regarded as the second most influential military leader in Nationalist China and is expected by observers to command support from important Nationalist Army leaders in the negotiations for peace with the Communists and in implementing the peace terms.

The terms are expected to necessitate sweeping changes in the Nationalist Army organization and control, and require strong Nationalist leadership to ensure that they were fulfilled.—Reuter-AAP.

Britain In A Better Position
London, Mar. 11.—Britain's recovery with Marshall Aid last quarter "justifies reasonable satisfaction," according to a British Government report issued here today.

Quarterly reports on the operations of Marshall Aid are required by the United States Act and by the Anglo-American Economic Co-operation Agreement.

The reports said that "the United Kingdom must have approached very close to a position of overall balance—though not a dollar balance—in the international payments during the fourth quarter of 1948."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Somewhat Unseemly Haste

INTRODUCTION in Legislative Council this week of a Bill to amend the Emergency Regulations Ordinance of 1922 has been a disagreeable reminder to the public that there is on the Statute Book a law which, given certain conditions, affords the Colony's Chief Executive what amounts to complete dictatorial powers over the lives and property of Hongkong citizens. Under the proposed amended Ordinance the Governor can, having proclaimed a state of emergency, authorise entry into and search of premises, requisition property, control businesses, and conscript labour for any form of service. Here is a sharp reminder that individual rights and freedom are permissible only under a particular set of circumstances; that, given different conditions, they no longer exist. It is not denied that in the event of an emergency the Authorities must be endowed with special powers that will guarantee, as far as possible, the security of Hongkong. But the timing of the amended Ordinance is questionable. Psychologically it is likely to have a depressing effect. Only now is the Colony beginning to appreciate, once again, what it means to be free of laws and proclamations which bind the individual body and soul to the will of the State. Hongkong experienced four years of this under the Japanese, and

today is seeing the last vestiges of the special regulations which have proved so irksome during the past three and a half years. To be told at this moment that Government seeks more special powers of control over life and property is rather like rubbing salt into an unhealed wound. In introducing the measure, the Attorney General offered no reasons why it is considered necessary at this time to add further sweeping powers to a Bill already embracing. Such reasons may exist, but they are not apparent, and because of this there is reluctance to regard the new legislation with equanimity. There will be opportunity to debate the measure before it has its final reading, and the public would be grateful for further information. Normally powers such as are being given under the amended Ordinance are not sought by a Government until an emergency which makes them desirable is imminent. There are no such apparent signs; wherefore by the introduction of legislation at this time, the impression is given of unseemly haste on the part of the Authorities to become endowed with supreme powers. Extraordinary executive powers can be voted to the Governor when the need arises. Until then it does the populace no harm to feel that its constitutional rights will remain unimpaired.

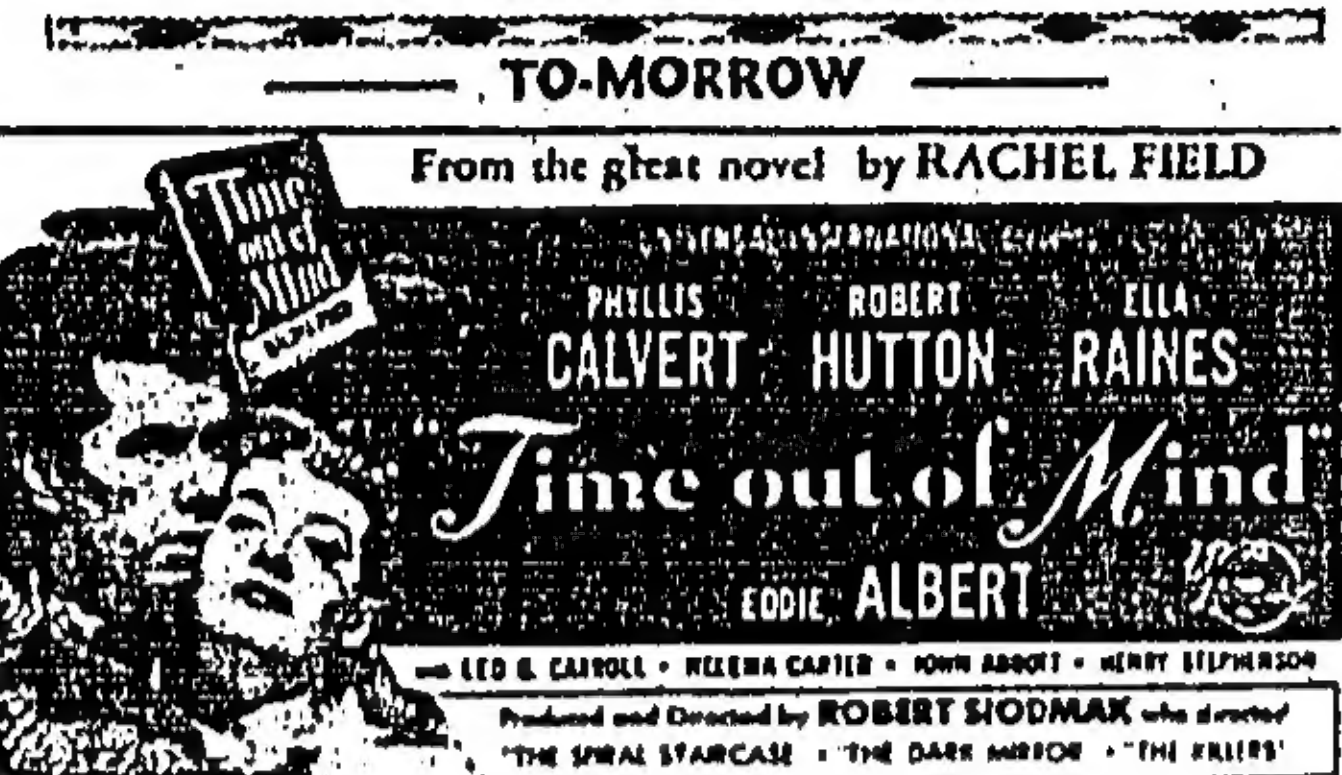
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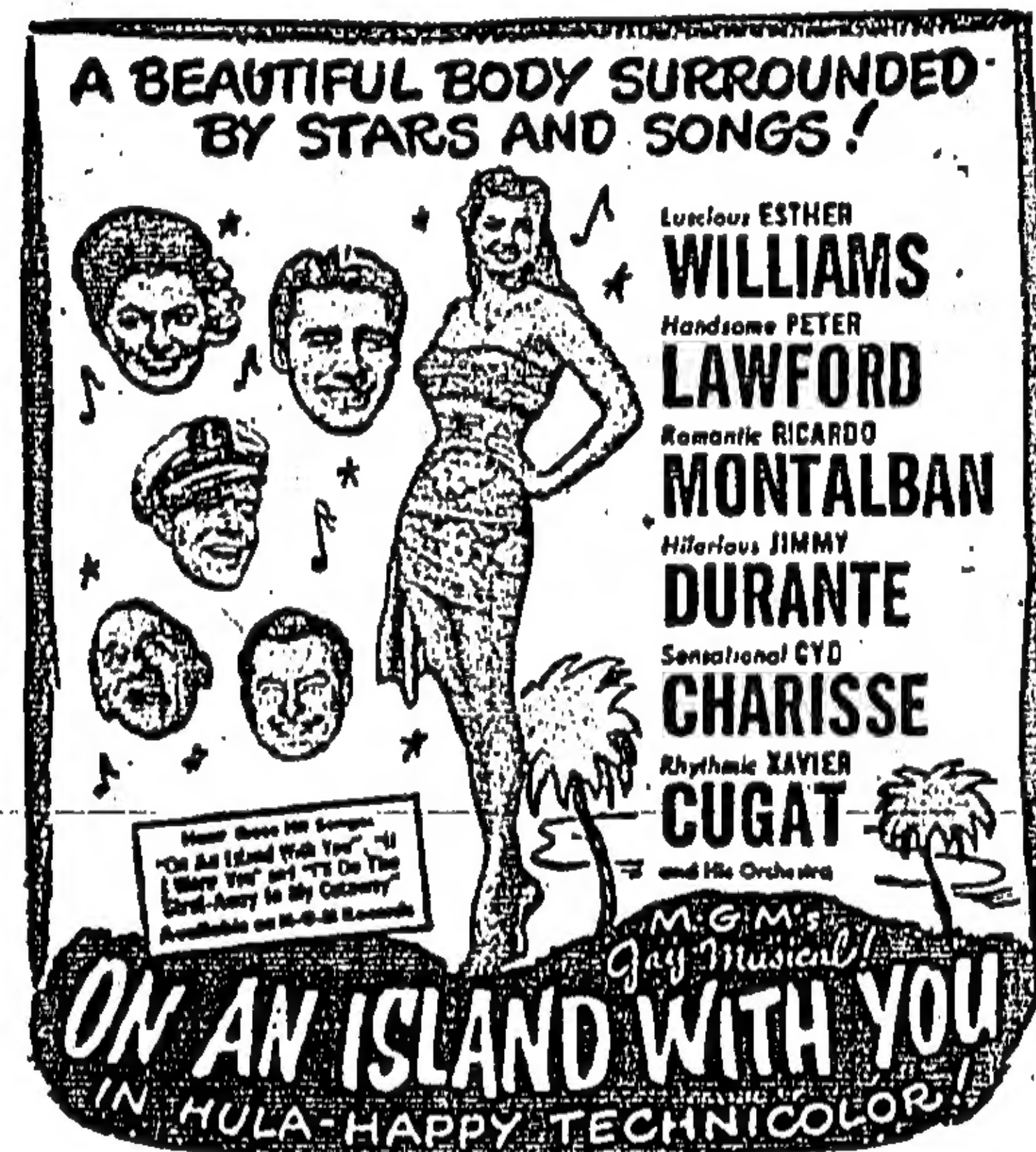
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Youth A Chance

By L. S. Wallace

TALENT is the life blood of any film industry; and to ensure that this blood stream flows continuously a constant intake of young people is necessary.

During the war years Britain won its respected world film status through the work of established artists and technicians. Those veterans have kept Britain's industry at a high level of achievement ever since.

They are most of them still at work. Established artists are producing films like "Hamlet", "Oliver Twist", "The Fallen Idol" and "Scott of the Antarctic".

Long-Term Policy:

THEY will go on for many years producing such films, acting in them and directing them. But recently some producers have given thought to a long term policy and have begun to find young people to carry on the tradition.

So it happens that Britain's studios now contain young people who are being given big and important chances not only as stars but as directors and technicians.

For instance "Man on the Run" the story of the adventures of an army deserter and his eventual redemption, has as its stars Joan Hopkins and Derek Farr. Joan has already appeared in one or two pictures, notably "The First Gentleman", but in this one, a fast moving modern story, she gets the star's part which is in tune with up-to-date cinema appetites. She is little known to picturegoers, although she has had a steady theatrical career, mainly in repertory work.

Her partner, Derek Farr was building up a film career when war interrupted his work, and it is only recently that he has moved back to major parts.

Another film which gives young performers a chance is "Saints and Sinners," a story of small-town Irish folk, their friendships, quarrels and loves.

Kieron Moore, the leading man, had been given important parts in "Man about the House" and "Anna Karenina," but his best performance yet has been in "Ming Own Executioner," in which he played a war hero who had been psychologically upset as a prisoner.

"Saints and Sinners," which carries on his development as a star, is a big step forward, and gives him a different sort of character to play, something closer to his own Irish nature. It is the sort of part which

through its humanity and humour, can make the man who plays it into a popular star overnight. None of Kieron's previous roles has possessed that quality.

Two young ladies also get useful parts in this picture. They are Christine Norden and Sheila Manahan. The former has already made several minor appearances; but now she has really an important character to play. Miss Manahan, a newcomer is being given her first chance.

"Helter Skelter," an example of the kind of lively comedy which many British studios are turning out just now, provides a first rate example of enterprising star build-up in the person of Carol Marsh.

Exacting Role:

SHE has already given two performances which have impressed critics—as a pathetic waitress in "Brighton Rock" and as Alice, the only human character in a French-made puppet version of Lewis Carroll's "Children's Story." Now her producers, gambling on her versatility, have given her a most exacting role in "Helter Skelter."

She plays a girl with hiccups; and all through the picture she has to make that involuntary noise from the throat to order and yet remain charming and amusing.

Two other young people who also get important parts in this film are David Tomlinson, who in two or three small performances has established himself as a first rate light comedian; and Peter Hammond, who plays a nice ordinary young man better than most nice young men.

"Helter Skelter" is being made by a young director, Ralph Thomas, who has recently graduated from his duties of assistant. For him it is a difficult

first attempt at full control because a fantastic comedy of this kind is extremely tricky to handle. The light whimsicality of the series of odd adventures suffered by the heroine in her quest of a cure for hiccups can so easily be allowed to degenerate into a mere knockabout.

Biggest Chance:

ANOTHER young man—Ralph Smart—is also getting his biggest chance as a director, just now. He is responsible for the making of "A Boy, A Girl And A Bike," a story of cycling set in the hills and dales of Yorkshire, and dealing with the rivalry between cycling clubs as well as romance in the open air.

Much of the work on this film was done on the location in North England. Controlling a full unit of players and technicians, 200 miles away from the home studio, and coping with the unreliable British weather, is valuable experience for the young director.

Smart has done an excellent job and is now back in the studios completing the picture. His cast is largely a young one too. Notable in it is Honor Blackman, a girl from the original J. Arthur Rank training group, the "Company of Youth," who recently scored a minor hit in "The Allen Corn," one of the four Somerset Maugham short stories put together in a film with the overall title of "Quartet."

Secret of Success:

THESE examples indicate clearly the spirit of enterprise among the majority of British producers. They not only recognise the need for new talent and so introduce new faces and new brains, but they develop the talent intelligently and progressively.

To find talent and develop it, whether it is acting skill, the ability to direct, photograph, manipulate sound machinery, or create settings—that is the policy. Youth carefully blended with experience is the secret of success in any industry. Britain's film makers are demonstrating their belief in that recipe.

The New Mills
Rings The Bell

By Stephen Watts

JOHN MILLS, who could have sat back and let the pounds—most of them in the form of sixpences, after taxation—roll in as the natural tribute to Britain's top male star, has by daring and energy opened up a new career for himself. Two new careers, in fact. With "The History of Mr Polly" he becomes a film producer. So he has banished the actor's eternal problem of what to do when the years bring into operation the economic process known as the law of diminishing returns.

And by his performance as "H. C. Wells's" famous "Little Man" he has established himself as actor, even a character comedian, revealing a range of ability far beyond the average star.

The Shabby Romantic

MIND you, "Polly" will be a controversial picture. How will Mills fans take their hero as a shabby, pathetic-romantic, dyspeptic Victorian small shopkeeper with a nagging wife? I believe Mills's performance, which is endearing, touching, and funny, plus the charm and originality of the film, will win them. Will the people to whom Mr Polly is one of fiction's most beloved old friends find the film worthy of the book? I found it remarkably faithful to Wells, in atmosphere, character, and dialogue. Even the comedy, which is broad, by modern screen standards, is right, because Wells's comedy was broad. It is an impressively stylish first film for a new director, Anthony Feltzler, who also adapted the book, a notable achievement in itself.

Two Good Performances

TWO actresses are likely to find their screen careers considerably enhanced through "Mr Polly," and both in unglamorous parts. Betty Ann Davies is admirably slatternly and uncompromising as the nagging wife, and Mera Jenkins is enchanting as the cosy innkeeper whom Wells bluntly called "the fat woman." Miss Jenkins has an unusual success story of her own. At two, she was stricken with infantile paralysis. All through her childhood she had a leg in irons. But her mother refused to treat her as a cripple, and her taught dancing. When at last she was cured she had only a slight limp which I defy anybody to notice today on the screen.

The Party's Off

A BANQUET for 2,000 people at six guineas a head has been called off in Hollywood. Oscars for 1949, those statuettes worth much more than their weight in gold so far as publicity goes, were to have been awarded for the winning pictures and performances.

The cancellation and the row following it reveal a big divergence in outlook on the present state of the film world. One view, the official one, is that such a spectacular function would be out of place now. Violently opposed are those who think this is the very time to put on a show and let the world know Hollywood is still Hollywood.

The facts of the situation are not in dispute. The actors' union reported last year that only 600 of its 8,500 members had contracts, and the situation has admittedly deteriorated.

But Hollywood is still Hollywood. I have just seen two news items side by side, one listing studio economies, and the other reporting that Paulette Goddard has a £4,400 a week guarantee for "Anna Lucasta."

Poor Miss Hayworth

FRANKLY, I am sorry for Rita Hayworth—which surprises me as much as it may you. Just when she needed most to stabilise her screen position along comes "The Loves of Carmen," easily ranking as the most preposterous picture of the year. This Carmen is the best-limbed, coiffured and dandified gipsy you ever saw. She does nothing but wiggle her bare shoulders and roll her eyes in arch enunciation of every screen siren of history. If Miss H. survives this she can survive anything.

Interesting Flashback

FROM the 21 years history of "Spotlight," the directory from which many film and theatre parts are cast, editor Rodney Millington picks this story. In 1930 he lined up an actor and actress for a repertory company in Aberdeen. One wouldn't go without her husband, the other had a fiancé. All four were engaged. Names: Elsiebeth Marsh and Stewart Granger, Michael Denison and Doree Gray. Total weekly pay was £42.



MOIRA SHEARER, star of the new British picture "The Red Shoes," which will have its first showing at the Queen's on Wednesday. Hailed as one of the most original and ambitious films ever made in Britain, "The Red Shoes" was written, produced and directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. In Technicolor, it has as its highlight a 13½-minute ballet based on the Hans Andersen fairy tale of the same name. In addition to Miss Shearer, the film stars two other famous dancers: Leonide Massine and Robert Helpmann.

Most Beautiful Of
British Exports
FROM FREDERICK COOK

New York. I HAVE just had a date with the most beautiful of British exports, Miss Madeleine Carroll—all alone except for two maids, three moving men, a theatrical agent and a casual caller.

When I went to see her in her penthouse high above the East River, the general idea was to talk about the theatre. It did not quite work out that way. I found her in the midst of a mound of furniture.

"Yesterday," she said breathlessly, "I went mad. Went to a sale and bought all this stuff. I'd nowhere to put it, so it had to come here. You won't mind if the storage men come and take it away while we talk, will you?"

They came, all three of them, with hats, smelly cigars, three-day beards and gruff voices. They yanked the chair Miss Carroll was sitting on—which was all right with me, for then she had to come over and join me on the sofa. They tore down pictures and carried off tables.

'MY CHATEAU'

Miss Carroll—in between instructing me in American, answering me in English, talking with one maid in French and the other in Spanish—was telling me not about the theatre but mainly, I gathered, about her pink 15th century chateau in the Ile de France—a subject she finds far more fascinating than Broadway's glitter.

She was saying: "I loved to explore the rooms. (Yes, all right, that chair can go.) One had a thick wall at the end, and I often wondered what was beyond but never got around to finding out." Then the Germans came. "In 1941 the Germans came. (No, please, that one.) They

forced my old Polish gardener to go round with them tapping the walls. "Sure enough, they found this one. Howlow! They knocked it down, and what d'you suppose they found? A wonderful wine cellar dated from 1870, full of marvellous stuff I hadn't even known was there."

DRANK THE LOT

"I know it was wonderful by the labels and empty bottles that were all that was left when I got back. They drank the lot. They would, wouldn't they?"

Madeleine Carroll, not only the loveliest woman on the Broadway stage, is also by far the busiest. She is working for the Red Cross, the Unitarians, the Quakers, the Council of Christians and Jews, and especially for the welfare of children everywhere.

She is playing lead in Good-bye My Fancy and in "Where's the Boy?" trying to further her pet project, an international children's day, "a sort of junior Uno," she calls it.

"What does it really matter about old-fogies like you and me?" she said severely, outwardly still far from the foggy stage. "What does matter is the children."

Miss Carroll is planning a quick trip to England in July to see her mother and father at Bromley.

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Col. Ride To Broadcast On Defence Force Progress

On Saturday Round-up over Radio Hong-kong tonight Col. L. T. Ride, Commandant of the Hongkong Defence Force, will speak on the progress of recruiting for the Force, and answer questions about it.

On Thursday evening at 7.45, there will be a St Patrick's Day talk by the Irish poet and writer James Stephens.

Born in Dublin, and now living in London, Stephens is best known for "The Crock of Gold."

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ARCTIC DIARY



Six waves a minute for the blue-nose boys

from
**FRANK
GOLDSWORTHY**

Only London newspaper reporter sailing with the "Dolphin ships."

In HMS Loch Arkaig

FEB. 16 THIS frigate, proud of being the smallest surface ship in the force, crossed the Arctic Circle after three days of falling sideways down rollers—racing like a rush-hour crowd, from Greenland to Norway. The waves, counted by stopwatch and stomach, averaged six a minute—8,640 a day.

Like Itana's Sophie Tuckshop, we are "all right now."

A south wind belies our blue-nose certificates, but spray is beginning to freeze on the stanchions.

WISERACK OF THE DAY: From the bridge to Frank Evans, recently-arrived Admiralty civilian observer, after an exceptionally heavy roll: "Compliments of the officer of the watch and regrets he was unable to dodge that one."

To the northward, destroyers Gabbard and St Kitts were in a quiz match by radio-telephone.

20,000 ft. up

FEB. 17 MET. Vengeance off the snow-covered 7,000-foot-high Jan Mayen Island, Norwegian meteorological outpost.

First day of Arctic flying. Lieutenant (A) Keith Shepherd observes a super blue-nose certificate for taking a Sea Vampire jet to 20,000 ft., where the temperature was below the recorders (estimated at 90 degrees of frost) and remarking on his return: "The heater was not working. It was pretty nippy."

Rope journey

FEB. 18 I CROSSED to Vengeance, turn me to Loch Arkaig failing standing in a rope stirrup ed.

hauled over 50 yards of angry sea with merciful speed. Only a day excursion was intended, but a heavy swell defeated the return attempt and so I had the doubtful distinction of appearing among dinner-time bow-ties in battle dress, submariner's jersey and sea-boots.

In dormitory tonight friends of popular young Lieutenant Donald Elliott, killed when a Sea Otter crashed over the ship's side were quietly packing his gear: conversation was "off."

Guinea-pigs

FEB. 19 WATCHED cine-camera making time - and - motion study of guinea-pig gun-crow to establish efficiency decline under prolonged exposure.

On the signal deck Mr Harry Kay, Cambridge psychologist, was checking strength and dexterity with grip-meter and nuts and bolts as the men's hands got colder.

The ship's champion guinea-pigs are Ordinary Sea man John Lewis, aged 18, of Mount Street, Cleckhinton, Yorks, and Able Seaman Tony Hathaway, aged 20, of Lion Land, Haslemere, Surrey.

They spend three hours daily on the flight deck in gale-strength winds, ten skin-heat measuring leads attached to their arms, legs, and bodies. To simulate the waiting and working periods of flight deck parties, they sit still one hour.

South African Dr E. A. Wyndham, of Oxford University climatic unit, is making these tests of different types of protective clothing.

FEB. 20 OFFICERS, observers, seamen, were detailed for pulley haul teams on the flight deck to bring 100 loads of stores across from refilling tankers Wave Premier, but gales halted operations, and the watchers were sent off to return to rug-making, leather work, or their Sunday sleep.

The weather is cold by English standard, but is not what we need.

This anti-climax to the Arctic adventures is making us feel more red-faced than blue-nosed, so we console ourselves watching a Ginger Rogers film in duflie coats and sea boots.

Beard value

FEB. 21 MORE gales and frustration. Refuelling again abandoned. The most quizzed man in the ship is black-bearded instructor Lieutenant John Booth from Bedhampton, Hampshire, the meteorological officer.

His records show gale winds at a maximum of 70 miles an hour averaging 12 hours daily. The barometric graphic looks as angry as the New York skyline.

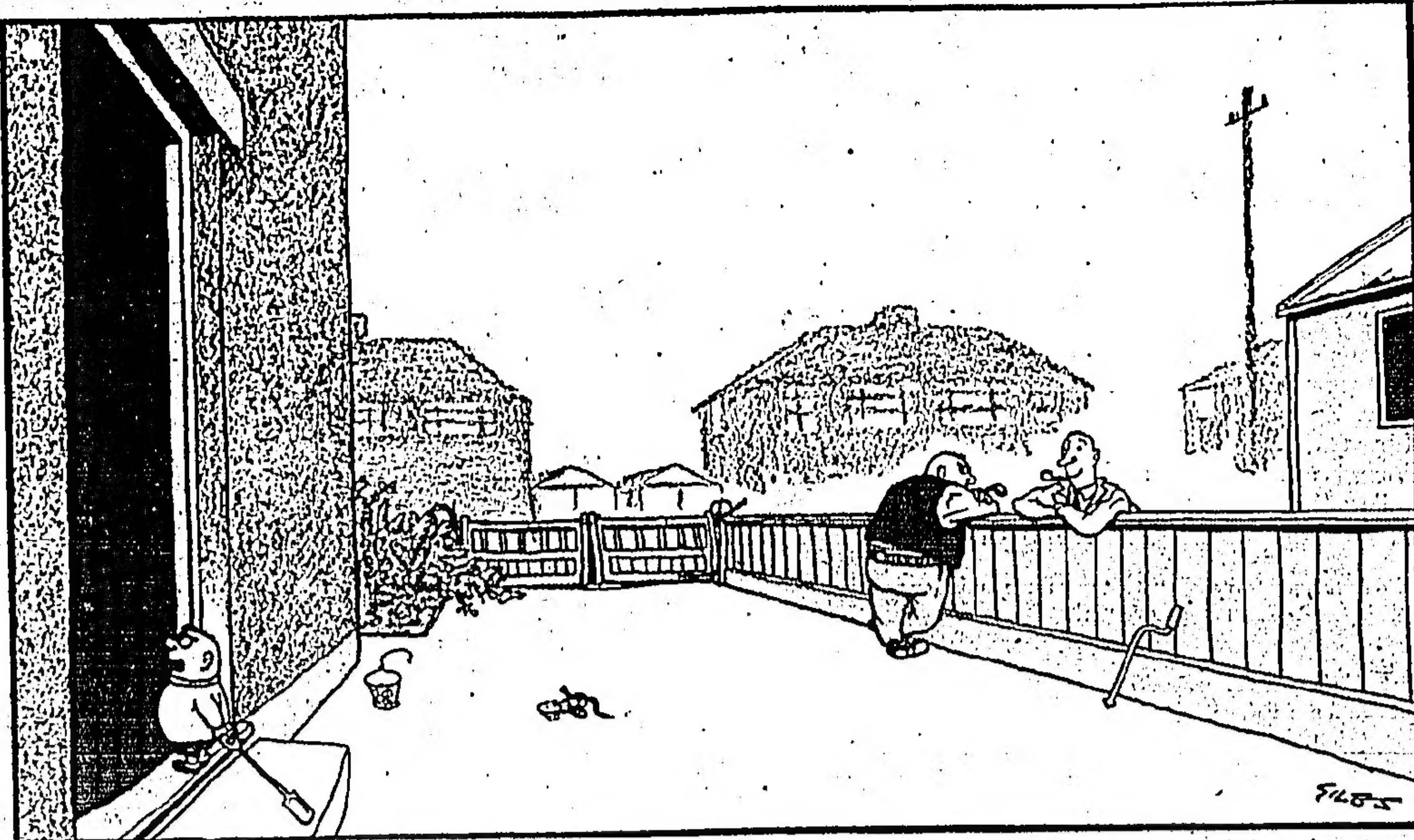
Ten-time discussion today was between three research men on the Arctic value of their experimental 10-day beards. They repudiate the theory that these will be uncomfortable in freezing spray, and claim a suitable ice-coating on the outer beard will seal an insulating layer of warm air round the face.

They declined the challenge that the interests of science should shave half the face only to test the relative warmth of each half in icy conditions.

To all wives...

FEB. 22 THE only ice in sight is selling briskly in the ship's canteen. Here is a memo to the wives, mothers, and sweethearts of the 2,000 crew of the Arctic Force. The ships have not despatched any mail since sailing, but if weather permits a transfer of mails to the Wave Premier and the Loch Arkaig letters may be expected soon.

So far the Vengeance champion letter-writer, 19-year-old starling Dennis Wilde, of Greatland, Yorks, has written 54 letters with an average of six pages each.



"Mum! I heard Dad tell the man next door that if Gaitskell lets us have petrol for Easter he's going to break the back axle rather than take us to the seaside"

AFTER ORANGES—WHAT?



EVERY DAY thousands more Israelis—a typical group is pictured above—stream into Palestine. Their task: to build an economical and political life for their young country.

Egypt, first of the warring Arab States to negotiate, has signed an armistice with Israel. When the remaining Arab States make settlements the countries of the Near East will once more be at peace.

After nine months of strife comes this assessment of Israel's task

BY ERIC GREY

TEL-AVIV.

ASK an Israeli if his new State can survive and he will look at you in shocked amazement. Hasn't he just beaten four Arab armies and Mr Bevin?

Ask him how Israel is going to live. "That's a good question," he says. "You tell me."

Nine out of ten people do not know the answer yet (though none doubts that an answer, and a good one, can be found). The tenth is Mr Cohen, who keeps the café round the corner from the Press office where we British and American correspondents work in Tel-Aviv.

Mrs Cohen is famous for her borsch, which her mother taught her to make in their native Russia. On fine days Mr Cohen lays a table for you on the terrace and you can lunch with the glittering postcard blue Mediterranean spread before you.

"Have some cream in your borsch?" he said to me. Then: "Go on, have some. You won't get it much longer."

That had a familiar ring. No cream in the soup, no eggs and bacon for breakfast, meat once a week, dark bread instead of white, your clothes rationed: in one word, austerity.

Israel is going to get a double dose of it—on the British pattern—and it may last as long as Britain's.

BRITISH CUSTOM FOR ORANGES

No one will tell me what 15 months of war against the Arabs has cost this little country. It is a State secret. But the result is written large. In the cost-of-living index. Since the fighting began, it has more than doubled. And that is only what the official figures tell you.

Food prices have almost trebled. No family man I know here earns less than £12 a week. The new immigrants, who are picking jaffas in the orange belt just now, get that much. And they spend at least ten of it on food.

Israel plans to import about half the food she needs this year—£20 million worth. How is she going to pay for it? The orange crop is worth £3 million to £5 million—and it is the only cash crop in the country.

The growers at least are sure of selling it. They are not worried by the fact that they rely on Britain to buy the bulk of it, although Israel remains outside the sterling area.

They got no Imperial Preference when Palestine was coloured red on the map. Britain paid the same rates for Jaffa orange as for Spanish.

But they are confident Britain will continue to buy because she needs oranges and Israel needs sterling—which she spends entirely on food within the Empire.

Now in terms of food imports alone that still leaves a gap of £15 million odd, a vast sum for tiny Israel. How will the Jews fill it? Half Israel's territory is still barren desert.

In Haifa port any day of the week you will see the new Israelis coming in by the thousand. Since British rule ended 130,000 have landed—more than seven times the annual quota allowed in the old days.

FIRST SOURCE OF STRENGTH

THIS year alone more than 200,000 immigrants are expected, which means the population will increase by 20 percent.

More mouths to feed? Yes, but more hands, skill, and more brains to work.

In continued immigration Israel sees the first source of strength and ability to live. So when a senior member of the Government tells you, "We are going to build 70 factories this year," or "We shall put 1,000 square miles of desert land under cultivation, we shall dam the River Jordan and divert its course and irrigate the Negev," you know he is not just talking Middle East hot air.

At least 20 percent of immigrants will be directed to the land.

The second expected source of strength is the flow of capital. Israel will attract a country of development. That will upset the trade balance even further, because capital will come in the form of goods—tractors and combines, power plants, irrigation pipes and machinery.

But every country went through that stage in its period of early development. The United States had an unfavourable trade balance for years.

MONEY GIFTS FROM ABROAD

AS a borrowing country Israel is in a singularly fortunate position: she gets money gifts from Jews all over the world.

The Government's estimate is that Israel will need £925 million in the next seven years. Of that amount Israel expects to get £250 million in gifts.

For the last two years gift dollars from the United States alone have been running at £225 million annually. £250 million from private investors

and £125 million in commercial credits such as the first loan of the Export-Import Bank for 100 million dollars (£25 million), all of which is to be spent in capital goods in the United States.

The solution to Israel's problem, therefore, lies in the continued flow of manpower and capital. "So long as we get both smoothly for the next five to ten years, and put them to productive use, we can live," say the Israeli leaders.

They have no illusions about "soft" living on borrowed capital. Rigorous taxation of luxury goods has already been imposed. A national housing company is putting up 20,000 housing units this year at a cost of £20 million—but it is planning on housing three and a half persons per room.

DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

My findings: Israel is planning to develop her few natural resources to the utmost. Potash will no longer be exported raw from Dead Sea deposits. A £500,000 company founded recently in Tel-Aviv will process it first.

Industrial development will be based on raw materials which are of small weight, e.g., diamonds, or which are only a fraction of the value of the finished product, such as optical instruments.

Industrialists are thinking in terms of Mediterranean and European markets, not just of Middle East markets.

Bankers are loath to return to the sterling area if it means turning Israel's dollars over to



PROMISED LAND The borders are one step nearer settlement.

the Empire pool. But they are anxious to stabilise the Israeli pound at par with sterling in terms of dollars, and ready to allow private investors to collect their income in Israel and export it in hard currency.

A Tourist boom is anticipated, and Americans are already in the field planning a chain of luxury hotels.

Labour is willing to freeze wages if the Government will impose rigorous price controls.

Most important of all in a country where trades unions are the primary political force, labour is willing to forgo some privileges and to co-operate with capital in tightening its belt and accepting austerity for the next five to ten years.

Thus, given ten years of peace, the Jews can and will make a going concern of their little State. They like cream in their borsch, but they are willing to live without it for a while.

C.V.R. Thompson A to Z in one shot

NEW YORK.

A GANGSTER'S accidental death broke up plans for an all-out gang war in New York's suburbs.

Stanley Fox, a leader of Brooklyn's Black Hat gang, had reason to believe that the rival Musketeers gang was after him. He decided to buy a new gun. A salesman brought him a trick one. Its holster was a hollowed out dictionary, which could be carried under the arm without arousing suspicions.

Fox was trying it out when the gun went off and killed him. That brought the police. And after questioning Fox's comrades the police made a series of raids.

They captured the arsenals of both gangs. Their loot, eight rifles, six revolvers, and one pistol, a number of home-made guns, a dozen knives, including a curved jungle knife, and ammunition.

The police also arrested seven members of the rival gang, whom they suspect of being ringleaders.

When they appeared in court these suspected gangsters were accompanied by their parents. The reason: They are all teenagers, the average age being 17. Stanley Fox was 15.

APRIL is the month which is expected to show if the present American buying slump is here to stay. So an Illinois firm gave its 1,000 workers £12 each and asked them to wait until May before asking for a rise.

BABIES should be fed a diet including meat after six weeks, says a medical report sponsored by America's meat industry. Doctors tested two sets of babies, one fed on meat, the other on a normal diet. The meat-fed babies slept better, showed less tendency toward anaemia, and were generally better physically.

THE sandwich, typical lunch for the typical New Yorker, has become almost a rarity. And thousands of New Yorkers have to eat crackers (biscuits) instead of bread. Reason: A strike at the city's six biggest bakeries.

AN Englishman, and a Socialist M.P., at that, is writing to American newspapers, and anti-British newspapers at that, to say that Britain's good old days are gone for ever. Mr R. W. G. Mackay (Soc., Kingston-upon-Hull) gets a whole column in the New York Daily News.

The News summarises a memorandum it received from him thus: "Mackay says the British Government still regards Britain as a first-class Power. It thinks that within a few years Britain will be back in trade and power where it was before World War II. Mackay calls this utter nonsense. Britain will be a second-class Power as long as it nurses the hope of recovering its former glories."

SHOW BUSINESS: Harold Lloyd, funny man of the silent days, is reissuing seven of his masterpieces, with sound tracks added to them. It will take Robert Mitchell all this year and next to earn enough to pay the lawyers who defended him on those dope charges.

SHUTTERED VILLAS, 5/- BETS. POINT TO THE CRISIS ON THE RIVIERA...

For the Casino—one slot machine

by Sam WHITE

PRINCE LOUIS OF MONACO The gambling slump upsets his budget



CANNES. SOCIAL change is hitting the French Riviera. To allay fears, and bolster their own hopes, the publicity agents are claiming that it has been the best winter season since the war.

They have captioned it The Season of the ex-Kings, in recognition of the simultaneous presence of the Duke of Windsor, ex-King Leopold of Belgium and ex-King Michael of Rumania. But in deducing that the Riviera will revive as a fashionable paradise the publicity agents are misreading the signs. The people who made the Riviera no longer have the money; most of those who now have it do not spend it freely.

Enter—the workers THE now rich have made the Riviera less fashionable, and much more difficult to maintain in its old luxury condition. And paid holidays, specially in France, bring tens of thousands of working-class families to the coast every summer.

The result is to be seen in the low stake gambling at the casinos, shuttered villas along the coast and a winter season that is a mockery of the past, lasting barely two weeks. Monte Carlo's casino—the garish, wedding-cake structure which is the financial mainstay of Monaco—now seems more like a mausoleum than a national centre of fashion and careless spending.

The cathedral hush still hangs over the gambling tables, but now it provides the incongruous accompaniment to the bolts, Grim and intent, of

customers pay by elaborate systems—but you see them leave the tables after winning or losing £5. Many of the famous panelled salons prices are now shut—those salons from which Oppenheim characters walked out into the shrubbery to blow their brains out.

Gamblers economise

EVEN more marked than the slump in casino takings, like almost all the Riviera casinos, Monte Carlo casino has been losing money ever since the war. Now Prince Louis II, head of Monaco, is faced with the problem of balancing a budget, that was almost wholly financed by casino takings. They have even installed an American-made slot machine in one of the casino's gilded foyers.

Of the fabulous past only the beautifully-mannered Tarist General Polovtsov, the casino's master of ceremonies, and the Three Graces remain. The Three Graces were three Edwina beauties who were noted gamblers in their day. They still visit the casino and still gamble.

Prices drop

DECAY, too, is the dominant impression gained from a drive along the coast road. At least half the stable villas between Cannes and Monte Carlo are shuttered and for sale. Many are British-owned. Their owners are unable to maintain them or sell them owing to currency restrictions. Prices are often absurdly low: £15,000 will buy the pick of them. One famous property

that has been for sale since the end of the war is Lord Derby's, with 20 servants' bedrooms.

Reluctantly, estate agents are putting into their advertisements the sentence, "This property is suitable for institutional purposes."

Hotels which have been known to British visitors as being converted into flats. The biggest single blow to the Riviera was the British Government's imposition of currency restrictions on Britons going abroad. Their place as residents and visitors has never been filled.

Steaks, champagne

NEVERTHELESS, the Riviera remains a highly polished social as well as scenic jewel. It still looks beautiful, the sun still far this social beachhead of the Western world has been held tenaciously against all the forces arrayed against it, though few of the fashionable throng doubt the inevitability of ultimate defeat.

The present winter season, limited though it was, still provided a fascinating glimpse of the world where steaks, scuffles and champagne are staple diet, where nobody goes to bed before four, or luncheon before five. A world of dukes and princesses, maharajahs and millionaires. Here gossip is a full-time occupation, boredom a constant care, and not to be recognised, the dead-end of in

Current favourites at Riviera cocktail parties are two wealthy Californian twin brothers. One is writing a book, the other is indexing it. "We've got the psychology," they explained, "and we are just over here to find the characters to fit it." They have come to the right place.

Sammy the clerk is now king



The Omanhens

He must observe the code of ancestor-reverence, which lays down that places must be kept for the dead at all festive tables.

He will be called upon to smear sacrificial animal blood on the ancient stool, which is the symbol of his office. But Sammy sleeps with a photograph of Einstein above his pillow.

He has a private army, which parades in paper-made suits and carries flintlocks.

Sammy can now afford to marry. Polygamy is dying out rapidly in his country because the price of a wife has trebled since the war.

A few years ago a bride could be bought for £7 10s., and some palm-wine. Now, even an illiterate girl costs about £25, educated ones £70 or more.

In order of social precedence in Sammy's kingdom are notaries, teachers, engineers, drivers, money-lenders, fitters, market-sellers, farmers, and fishermen.

About 25,000 people live in the town of Sekondi, part of which comes within his domain. It has modern villas and stores, corrugated iron and

It turned venerated upholders of law and order, who were once kept aloof from politics, into politicians.

Their ignorance has been used by subversive lawyers and students to foster anti-British propaganda.

Sammy believes in the Cym-monealith.

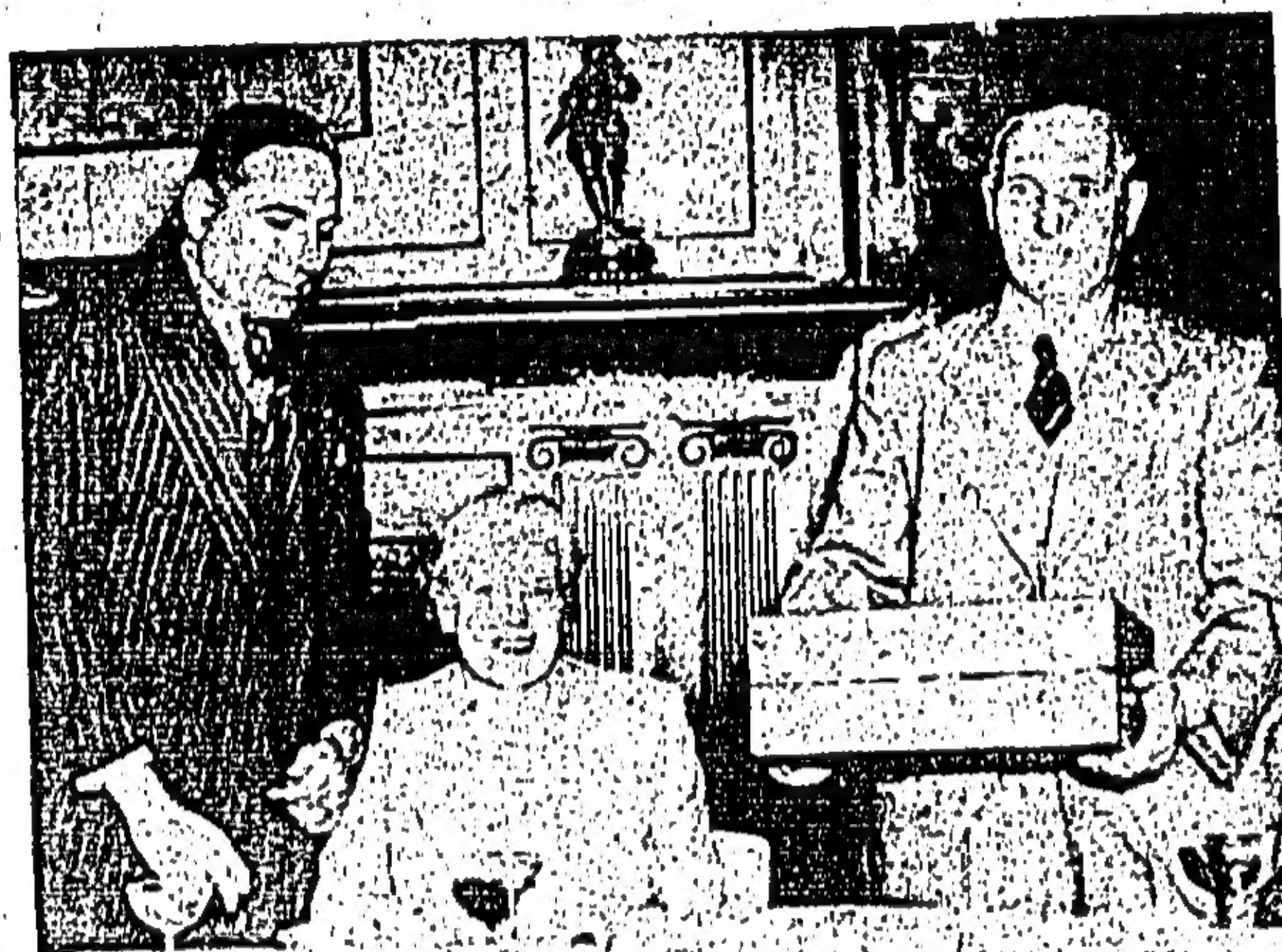
He hopes to go to Britain as a student this year.

In a letter to me he asks: "Pray for your friend Sammy."

Gerald Scheff



THREE pictures taken at the Polo and Hunt Club ball, held at Flagstaff House last week. In picture at top left are Air Commodore Davies, Group Captain Bone, Mrs Davies, Admiral Madden, Miss Davies and Mrs Bone. Left: Capt H. O. de Carlo, Mrs Cook, Major J. K. Reid, Miss E. S. Ming, Major T. Cook and Mrs de Carlo. Above: Mr and Mrs G. S. Kwok, Mr and Mrs Peter H. Sin and Mr and Mrs A. K. Chan. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CHIEF Health Inspector James Reid, who is leaving Hongkong on retirement with Mrs Reid (seated), accepts a farewell gift silver tea service from Mr Imam Din, representing overseers of the Urban Council, at a cocktail party held at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CAROL ANN, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Ostroumoff, was christened at St Joseph's Church last Saturday, when this picture was taken. (Ming Yuen)

THE 22nd Independent Platoon, Women's Royal Army Corps (WRAC), formerly Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS). Seated in centre is Junior Commander E. E. Connors. (Golden Studio)



MR Fung Kam-chung and Miss Young Suet-po, who were married last Saturday. The groom is the second son of Mr and Mrs Fung Sui, and the bride the fifth daughter of Mr and Mrs Young Fai-ting. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at St Teresa's Church after the christening of Kathleen Margaret, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs W. N. Bude. (Mainland Studio)



OFFICERS of the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regiment were made permanent honorary members of the Officers' Mess of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (Hongkong Regiment) at a ceremony at Hongkong Defence Force headquarters last Saturday. Col. L. T. Ride, Commandant of the HKDF, is seen above presenting plaques to Capt. B. J. Collins (left), of the Middlesex Regiment, and Major R. W. B. Cunningham, Royal Scots. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

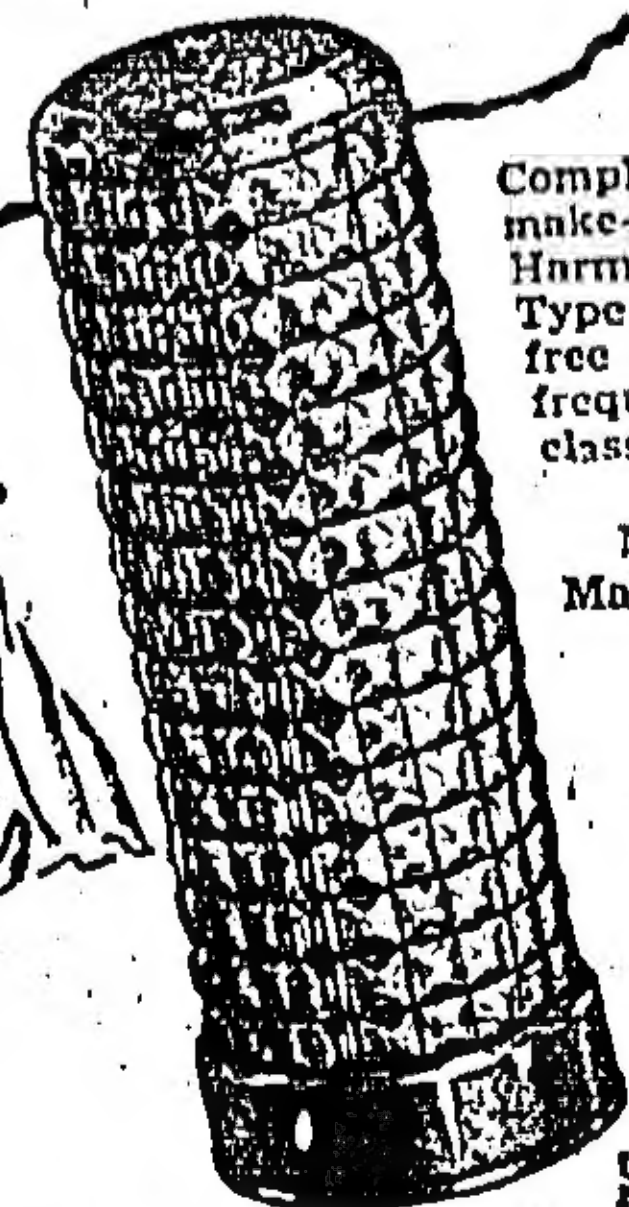


GROUP picture taken at Queen Mary Hospital last week on the occasion of a farewell tea party given in honour of Miss F. A. Cranfield, senior matron, who is leaving the Colony. Miss Cranfield is seated seventh from right. (Ming Yuen)

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Cotton with Gilt



Joan Norton Irwin

By PRUNELLA WOOD

PRETTY frock for the tropical evening setting, none too formal to put on before the brief twilight, all set for the lovely evening, is here a fine cotton model, the snowy fabric striped with a non-tarnishable gilt thread, and with a Greek key design decorating the asymmetric neckline also made of non-tarnishable gilt braid.

Really pretty, really flattering, definitely on the glamour side of fashion, the dress is nevertheless a wash-tub proposition, and of such sensible and simple construction that the home ironer can press it perfectly. Every palm tree land wardrobe rates a cotton dinner dress, and this one is a happy choice.

THAT UNIQUE 1949
LITTLE FRENCH HAT

By Joan Erskine

LONDON.

HATS—with a sideways slant, every colour and every kind. Hats—in pique, satin, grosgrain, in wicker, straw and ribbon.

Now that the voluminous skirts and exaggerated waistlines have disappeared, and with them all the publicity and ballyhoo that went with the "New Look," attention once again is focussed on the head.

A scarf, as a substitute for a hat, is out. And fashion-conscious women will be glad to hear that some of the most delightful hats on show in Paris have been chosen by British manufacturers to be mass-produced at reasonable prices.

There is no longer any excuse for going hatless. Hats have been designed for us to wear on every conceivable occasion. From dawn till dusk, at a tea dance or a cocktail party, in the garden or on the beach, hats have been thought up for us.

Sketched for you are some of the latest ideas from Paris. Schiaparelli shows a huge rough straw beach hat, with armholes through the brim. An off-the-face hat in wicker, with a side drape of Paisley material, comes from the Rose Valois collection. Gilbert Orcel has designed the softly folded side-dipping hat.

INSPIRATION

INSPIRATION was derived in many cases from past periods of history, and from old masterpieces. Legroux, a milliner of great distinction, introduced hats in groups. One, the Dutch group, was inspired by the current exhibition of miniatures in the Munich museum, and combined both Flemish and Dutch masters. The peasant and burgher coifs will be familiar to many, and the simplicity of the style is admirably carried out in pleated linen, organdie, pique, and rough straw, with black

velvet used lavishly for party occasions.

In his second group, the recent was on youth. Back with us in the sailor, trimmed in many new ways, with cloche or rolled off-face brims. He calls his third group "Little Gentleman," and shows a man's bowler shape made in a variety of straws, pique, or linen. The design of various models, says Legroux, has been inspired by the different fabrics.

Tropical countries will welcome the cotton pique hats, stitched and tailored, and nearly always trimmed with a fluted, pleated frill. This frill is repeated on matching gloves, adding to the cool clean appearance.

Caroline Reboux gains her inspiration firstly from the past, the Renaissance, Catherine de Medici, and the French court of that period, and secondly, from the easy-going Edwardian days of the square-crowned boater of the 1900's. She uses rough chip straw in light and dark shades, with elaborate use of veiling. Some of her hats are cut triangularly.

France is world-famous for its ribbons, and the French Ribbon Syndicate shows a great variety. A wide range of colours introduced this season's new shades—copper, vermilion red, ultramarine and emerald, contrasted with neutral and pastel shades. Plaids, checks, and woven stripes, tulle, grosgrain, and moire, all played their parts in trimming or even making hats. From baby-ribbons which hung demurely in clusters, to widest double-faced satin which completely covered a crown and hung in deep folds at the back, it was ribbon all the way in Paris.

To match the tartan cottons, rapidly becoming popular, Legroux has used plaid in off-the-face sailor hats. Rose Valois uses plaid wool for sports. Tartan ribbon decorates a side-dipping hat in natural straw.

Most popular colour for hats and accessories, to carry you right through the spring and summer, is chalk-white. Light rust, pink, blue, and green are used, with black on formal occasions. Shades of yellow, from the palest lemon to ochre rose, are almost as popular as white.

Most outstanding is wicker, which Rose Valois uses as the basis of her collection. She combines it with straw, natural or lacquered, in braided or basket-woven brims, crowns, or part of the hat. Turbans and caps are made of grosgrain; and evening headresses of rough straw. Lightweight felts, crepes, and muslins are used for draped hats. Linen, organdie, pique, and cotton come for coolness. Black satin, striped ribbon, and shirred chiffon are used with great effect. One delightful frilled cartwheel is made entirely of shirred chiffon, in a burnt sugar shade, worn with a matching stole edged with the same frill.

GENERAL LINE

THERE is a trend towards the asymmetrical. Brims mostly dip towards the right side of the face, sometimes completely covering it. Large hats are of the cartwheel variety, and can be worn in town as well as at race meetings or garden parties. All hats are moulded closely to the head, whether beards, sailors, cloches, or boaters. Brims have a great deal of detail—wavy, scalloped, pointed, and slashes. Some have double and even treble brims, with trimming between.

Scarcely any of the hats shown were suitable for wearing with long hair. In Paris, many women were wearing their hair swathed to simulate the short cut; others had gone to the length of acquiring the very latest cut, the "Napoleon." For this style the hair is cut short as a man's, and the sides brought forward on to the cheeks.

TRIMMINGS

ORIGINAL and charming were the trimmings. Artificial flowers were in a minority. Ribbon topped the list, fruit came second. A sailor hat was trimmed with strawberries and their blossoms. Another straw hat sprouted corn on the cob, complete with its leaves. Long chiffon scarves, draped jersey and ostrich feathers were used. Evening headresses, rapidly coming back into favour both in London and Paris, are decorated with jewelled motifs, trailing chiffon, and sweeping paradise plumes.

The French hats were a joy to see. French milliners have lost none of their artistry and skill. Give a piece of straw, a wisp of veiling, and a bunch of ribbons, they produce a creation with an indefinable air—a little French hat!

Perfume Gives You Glamour



To renew your perfume during the day, there's a leak-proof applicator you can carry right in your handbag.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY woman loves perfume and wears it with a delightful feeling that she is making herself glamorous. And so she is, because those who come in contact with her can't help being interested and realise that she is a fastidious person. That is, of course, if she uses a scent that appeals to the emotions, as do all the delicate flowered odours.

If she is smart she will stick to the same bouquet. To leap from rose to gardenia to carnation is to have a confusion of names. Do you know that perfume is light? Yes, they do. Put different ones on the items of your wardrobe and you will have a nondescript result that may not appeal. As for compounding one's own, that is not to be considered. Perfume making is a fine art.

Perfume should always be sprayed, so get yourself an atomiser if you don't happen to have one. It not only saves the precious liquid but restrains you from using it with too lavish a hand. Don't forget that a little goes a long way. Spray your neck, shoulders and arms directly after your bath. The

warm flesh will cause the alcoholic content to evaporate, and only the flower essences will remain.

Don't put perfume on a garment that is not cleaned frequently. Put it on your skin rather than on your hair. Unless the scalp is entirely free from the exudations of sweat and sebaceous glands, the effects may be unpleasant.

If you wear an artificial flower, put a drop of perfume on it. When you are going to a dance, put a tiny bit on the hem of your skirt.

A dainty little woman should never use an oriental scent, but keep to lily of the valley, mimosa or violet. The distinguished appearing woman, whose type borders on the exotic, can get away with some of the heavier products.

And for carrying perfume with you during the day, a leak-proof applicator that fits in your purse is just the thing.

A Designer With
A Grievance

A DESIGNER with a grievance is Arthur Banks, one of London's independent couturiers. He feels, with some justice, that British fashion writers could do a great deal more to boost a new British line.

He speaks with some authority, for as early as February, 1948, he showed a number of Empire line and Tube Look dresses, which were commented on by comparatively few British fashion writers. And yet this was a line new to British eyes. Paris writers would have seized upon this new line with joy, and showed it to the world with pride. But, as said in some quarters, British writers are far too Paris-conscious. They feel Paris can do no wrong—and when one of their own designers shows them something new, they are apprehensive, usually a little surprised, and seldom enthusiastic.

One London writer in the daily press had sufficient foresight, when Arthur Banks produced his Empire Line dresses, to speak of "A new London Line," but few others followed her example. Magazines are accused of being only interested in a pretty cocktail dress, or a charming evening gown, to make up an article.

In this state of affairs it is true—and it would certainly appear so—how can London ever expect to rival Paris, whose new lines are publicised, encouraged, and vigorously defended against attack?

POST-SHOW COMMENTS
Post-Spring show comments from designers:
Blanca Mosca says of her collection: "The distinction of a house should be measured by the continuity and gradual evolution of its designs, and not by abrupt changes of line and detail."

Mattoli, whose collection was thought by many to be the best, said: "Now, having served its purpose, the New Look, with

its exaggerations and absurdities, has ceased to exist, and has given way to a simpler and more studied line."

Victor Stiebel maintains that "fashion develops in a steady flowing line; there is never a moment of pause, and variations on an established theme will eventually develop into a new theme."

Digby Morton stressed that the discerning woman realises the extremes of fashion and eye-catching effects are quickly mass-produced, and rapidly coming back into fashion. It is, for these reasons, a restrained one consisting mostly of day clothes, and because the one fashion that never bores is the tailored suit in its many variations, there are a larger number of them than anything else.

CRYING FOR SANITY

Peter Russell, famed for his superb tailoring, declared with great gusto: "The world is crying out for sanity, and I hope my clothes convey that medium. When concentrating on perfect detail, such as gloves, handbags, and belt to match the dress to make it so foolproof that the vestal Sally Ann can't possibly go a crack, that is when the creating of a collection worthy of our great British tradition of good breeding takes over every part of one's brain and there's no room for what I call damned idiotic ambitions, like one sees in the aggressive and hideous collection of bogus, overtrimmed suburban villas!"

Hardy Amies stated with disconcerting frankness that "women's clothes should be sexy."

Perhaps these remarks, straight from the designers themselves, will help to settle in some feminine minds why the New Look was not entirely banished, or the Tube Look completely accepted. The evolution of fashion is something gradual, not a series of violent upheavals.

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PARIS.
ONE legend I'm out to lay is that only millionaires black marketeers eat well in Paris. My nostalgic descriptions of meals I ate there last week are always interrupted with: "Ah, but the poor can't afford to eat like that—they don't get any meat."

If by "the poor" is meant people who cannot afford more than 3s. for a restaurant meal, then this is what they can get: An enormous bowl of delicious onion or vegetable soup for 3d. A large thick pork chop, grilled steak, thick slices of beef or pork or shoulder of lamb in buttery brown gravy for just over 2s. Or ham, mushroom, or cheese omelette made with two fresh eggs for 2s.

Or they can buy a nine-inch roll of crisp white bread flapping with ham for 1s. A quarter bottle of red wine (enough for two) costs 6d.

The best comment on the plentiful supplies of good, fresh meat in Paris is in the window of a snob "English Grocery" in the smartest part of the town. In the centre of the window, marked "Very Special," and priced at 6s. per pound, is a slab of corned beef!

PLEASE DON'T
I WISH SHE WOULDN'T (a man tells me),
SAY she's a Communist—and not know the names of even three people in the Politburo. ARRIVE for a date saying, "Gosh! What a party I had last night."

PUT through trunk calls from my flat—on principle.
SAY "Ring me at home" and never be there.
SAY "I won't have a drink—I'll just have a sip out of yours." RUMBA while I two-step.

EGG-VARIETY
EGGS have so long been scarce in Britain that even now there are more of them than most people boil them. In France eggs are so plentiful that they are treated less reverently—much more interestingly. Here are five favourite French recipes for serving an egg:—

1 COOK spinach and diced mushrooms in a flat dish. Make hollow, break egg into the hollow, dust with grated cheese, put in oven for five minutes.

2 LINE a flat dish, with puree potatoes hollowed in centre. Brown under grill. Drop poached egg in hollow, cover with mushroom sauce.

3 BOIL egg five minutes, shell, and serve on fried bread with gravy.

4 CHOP and fry one rasher of bacon. Spread in fire-proof dish, break in egg. Bake in oven.

5 POACHED—egg served on round of flaky pastry. Slice of foie-gras on top. Cover with brown sauce.

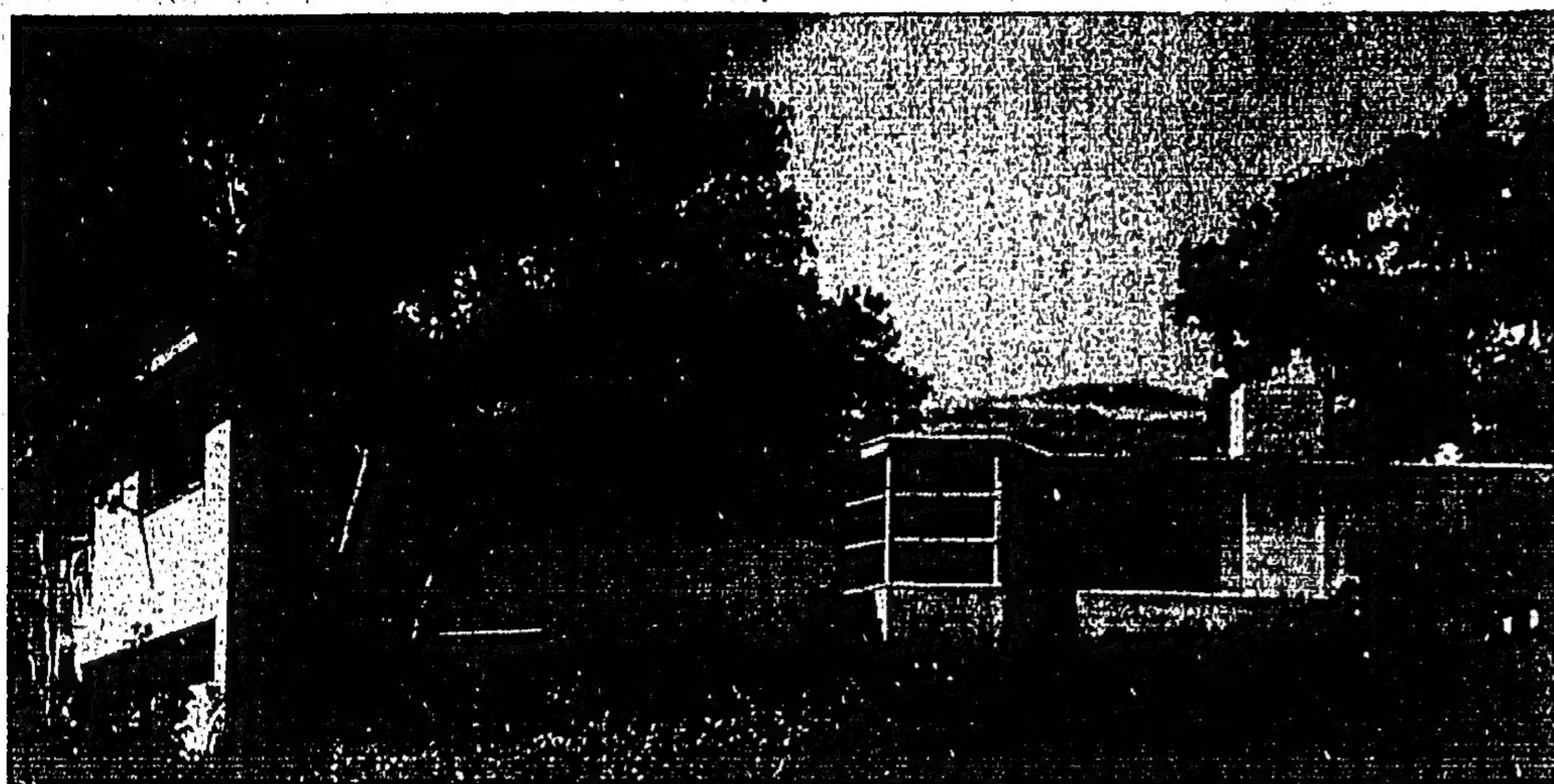
SAY 'YES'
SIX WAYS to make you say "YES"... "It's far better for two to be happy than for three to be miserable..." "I'd like to buy you something really nice..." "Drink up—there's another bottle in the car..." "Ah! But you're different..." "Have you seen Paris in the spring?"... "I just want to sit and look at you."

MY CHOICE
FROM EACH of my four favourite dress designers I pick their star—the dress I'd most like to see copied in a cheaper edition. From Lela—the dragonfly raincoats made of nylon chiffon shot with six different colours, like a fly's wing. From Dior—cocktail frocks of plain silk in deep jewel colours and black. From Fath—full wool or linen coats with sloped pyramid collars. From Balmain—linen suits in white, champagne, pink, or black.

P.S. Will manufacturers copying these, please copy the necklines, too! It's time they added a few more to the present limited choice of V-necks or Peter Pan collars.

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

★ THE MODERN LOOK ★



By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

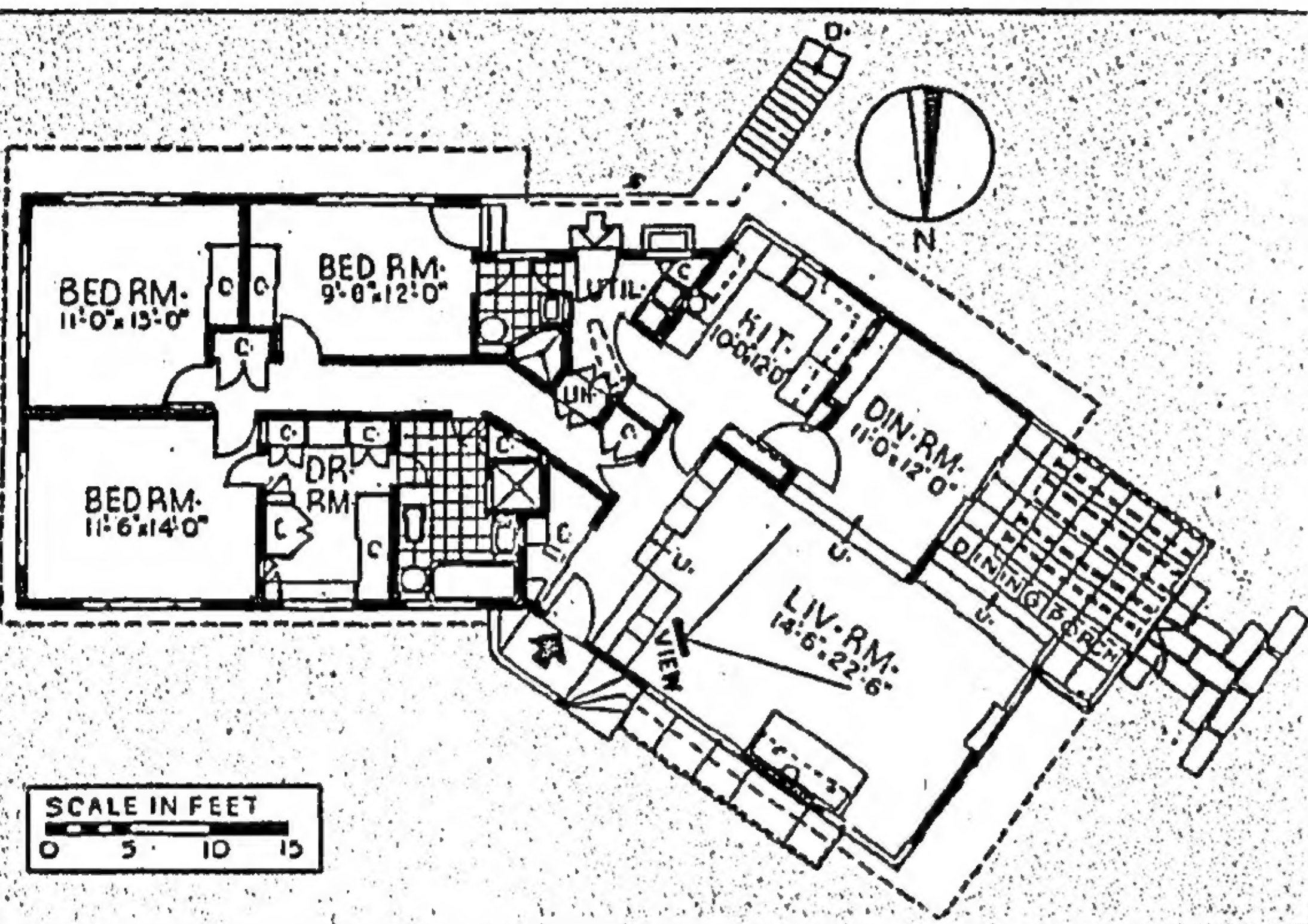
THIS attractive dwelling is a one-floor home, built on a hillside site. It provides for comfortable modern living

THOSE whose architectural tastes lean towards the modern will be interested in the house illustrated here. Designed by Robert Trank Cox, it was built on a hillside site, and was planned in accordance with the modern desire for all-on-one-floor convenience, while at the same time keeping service and living quarters completely separate from the bedroom area.

A most unusual feature of the house is that, for protection against the heat of the sun's direct rays in summer, the flat roof is designed to hold an inch and a half of water.

This is a three-bedroom home, with all of the bedrooms, plus a good-sized dressing room, in one wing; the corner sitting room, dining room and kitchen occupy a second wing, sharply distinct from the other by being set off at an angle. There is also a dining porch.

The garage is built into the hillside under the bedroom wing.



A NEAR-SIGHTED CHILD IS NOT AN INVALID

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE are a great many false notions about nearsightedness, especially the one that a child with this condition will gradually become blind. It is true that if left untreated, nearsightedness can lead to blindness, but this is a rare occurrence. In this way that they have nothing of this kind to fear.

As a matter of fact Dr. A. Lloyd Morgan is even more reassuring. He believes that the nearsighted child should not be thought of as having a terrible eye disease and that, above all, he should be allowed to live a normal life instead of being treated as an invalid.

As The Child Grows

In some cases it is true that as the child grows older the nearsightedness gets worse. Some doctors even go so far as to advise that children with severe degrees of nearsightedness be taken out of school and allowed no reading for a period of one year. They found that when this was done, half the children did not get any worse. Dr. Morgan found, however, that if no treatment of any sort is given, seven out of ten children with nearsightedness do not get progressively worse.

A number of different causes for nearsightedness have been suggested, such as heredity, or weakness which has developed before birth; changes in the shape of various eye structures; a lack of action of muscles that move the eye; increase of pressure of fluids within the eyeball, and the lack of various vitamins and minerals. It has been claimed that bad reading habits contribute to nearsightedness.

Proper Glasses

In treating the nearsighted child, of course, he should be fitted with proper glasses. In the experience of some physicians, it does not seem to make any difference whether the glasses are worn all the time or not. It is suggested that the parents be informed that the child may wear the glasses when he wishes to see objects at a distance, but that he certainly should wear them when he is reading. No other special type of treatment seems to be necessary except the usual following of good health habits in regard to a well-balanced diet and getting plenty of rest and sleep, fresh air and sunshine. There appears to be no need to restrict reading or to stop any particular activity.

Doors Made Thief-proof

MELVIN H. RAUCH is still making things tough for the crook even though he has retired from the Mt. Vernon (N.Y.) police department.

Rauch, 48, is not totting a gun or a night stick any longer. His new role in the battle against crime is that of an inventor.

His invention is a simple, inexpensive metal device that looks something like a slide rule. With it, almost any door can be locked from the inside and no key in the world will open the door from the outside.

The invention is aimed at those thieves who use skeleton keys, or pass keys, to open doors in hotels, apartments and private homes. The device also guards against a lock being picked.

It operates simply. One hook-end of the device is placed in the strike plate, or jamb. The door is then closed and most of the device, which is a thin strip of metal, extends on the inside of the door.

No Key Can Open

A latch then is slid into tight position against the door. Pronounced, the door is locked so that no key can open it. The latch is slid backward when a person desires to remove the device and open the door.

His invention is protected by patent and a large manufacturer now is putting the device into production.

The device weighs only a few ounces and is no larger than a toothbrush. It can be carried in a man's pocket or in a woman's handbag.

Its official name will be the "Pool Thief."

MAKING a sharp distinction between the sleeping quarters and that part of the house containing living room, dining room and kitchen, the house consists of two separate wings, one set at an angle from the other.

Difficult Chore Made Easier

By ELEANOR ROSS

VENETIAN blinds add much to a room, but as is the case with all home furnishings, they only look as good as the care they receive. It is true, of course, that the blinds are at the window and so receive first cut of all the dust, grime and soot that fly in. But, by the same token, a dusty, grimy blind is as bad as dirty curtains or soiled drapes.

The blinds must be dusted regularly, and there are all sorts of gadgets to make this chore as easy, yet as efficient, as possible. Then, at least once every season the Venetian blinds should be treated to a good washing to prevent them from becoming too soiled. For best results don't use too much water. Dip a sponge or a soft cloth in a soap-suds solution and wring it almost dry. Even if it feels dry to the touch, sufficient suds for washing purposes will have adhered to the cloth.

Wash Both Sides

Wash each blind on both sides, slat by slat. Don't forget to rinse and resuds the cloth or sponge often. Dry the slats with a clean cloth and apply lightly a light wax to keep soil from accumulating.

If you're feeling very energetic, you can wash the blinds in the bathtub or laundry. Fill tub two-thirds full of warm sudsy water. Lift the blinds in and out of the suds until they are clean. While they are drying, weigh down the bottom of the blinds to keep the shape or tapes from shrinking.

Should the blinds be very soiled, you may need to unstap the slats, which is a real penalty for neglect! Be sure to lay them in order as you take them off. Clean each one thoroughly, dry and wax. Then wash the tapes in soap and water, rinse and dry. The restraining job must prove a nightmare if you allow the slats to become mixed up. It's nice to know that blinds where each slat is removable are now coming into the stores.



Tasty French Crepes Suzette

"A SURPRISE for you, Madame," said the Chef—as I entered the test kitchen. "You can have it for luncheon or I can prepare them for dessert at dinner."

"What is it, Chef?" I asked, all curiosity.

"It is the famous French, Crepes Suzette," he announced with importance.

The Chef busied about assembling the ingredients on the kitchen table. Next he started a large heavy iron skillet to heat. "It is traditional," he remarked, "to cook the crepes one at a time in a small frying pan. But as that is too slow, so I am going to cook several at once in the skillet."

"Now, Madame," he continued with an air of professional importance, "we will demonstrate: First, I will beat two eggs very light. Now I add 1 1/2 cups milk, 3 drops orange extract and 3 drops vanilla. Now 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 tablespoon powdered sugar and 1 cup cake flour; this makes the texture more delicate than the all-purpose flour. I beat with my wire whisk until very smooth. There is no baking powder in this batter, Madame, so the more air I beat in, the lighter the crepes will be. This batter will make 24 crepes about three inches round. Now I am ready to cook."

Enough Butter

He turned to the range, put a half tablespoon of butter into the heated skillet, and let it melt. Then he wiped it out with a paper towel. "There must be just enough butter left to keep the crepes from sticking," he explained, "but not enough to fry them. When done they should be a pale brown only on one side, the other side should be cooked, but left almost white. You see how thin is this batter?" he remarked, lifting up a spoonful. "Now I shall put it in the skillet. See? It spreads to twice the size. There will be room for four crepes in the skillet." In went 3 tablespoons more batter. "I will fry rather slowly so they will not brown, but stay the colour of cream. Then I shall turn with the pancake flipper like this." Flip, they went. "I shall let them cook a pale golden brown, then they will be ready to fill."

"Why are the crepes cooked brown on one side and left light on the other?" I asked.

DOCTOR says he knows how to keep you away from the DENTIST

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

A DISCOVERY which could end the terror of the dentist's drill has been reported from America. A team of scientists there has perfected the first fully effective method of preventing tooth decay.

The report is authoritatively backed by Dr. Bernhard Gottlieb, a Viennese scientist, now head of a university department.

It claims that the minute pores in the enamel of a healthy tooth can be permanently blocked by a simple treatment which makes it impossible for germs to enter.

It has always been thought that the germs got in through holes eaten in the enamel by acids. The doctor gives X-ray proof that his new view is correct.

Sealing The Pores

The report says that, by using a solution of two cheap chemicals, any dentist can quickly seal all the pores in a tooth. Clinical trials show that 90 percent protection has been achieved with children's teeth.

The treatment does not discolour teeth, and it is not affected by brushing. The pores are plugged right through the thickness of the enamel.

Dr. Gottlieb urges that all schoolchildren should be given his treatment. Each child would have to make several visits to the school dentist as the permanent teeth should be impregnated as soon as they come through.

The treatment has also been successful, the report claims, in preventing further decay of teeth which have been filled and in desensitising filled teeth against heat and cold.

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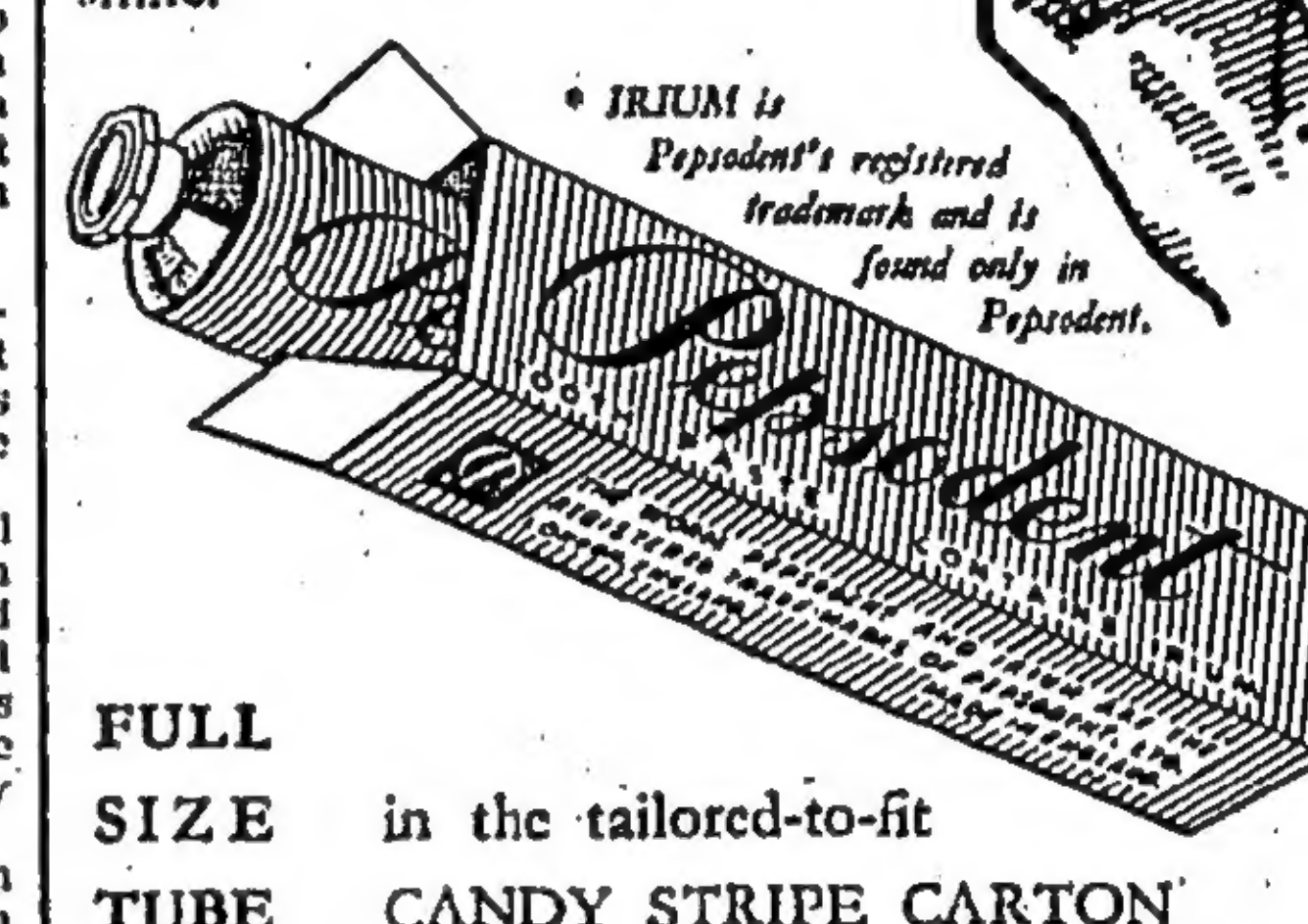
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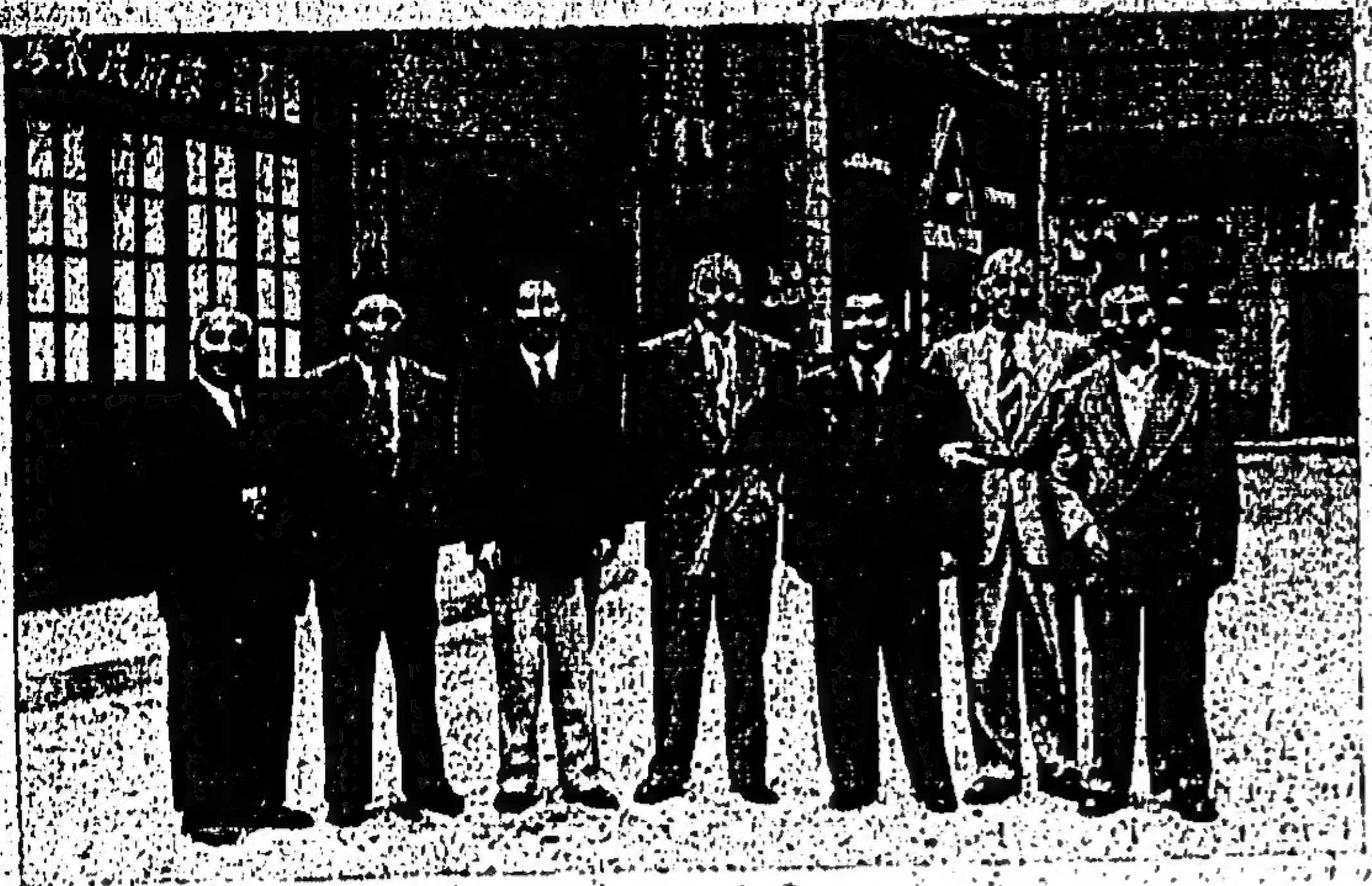
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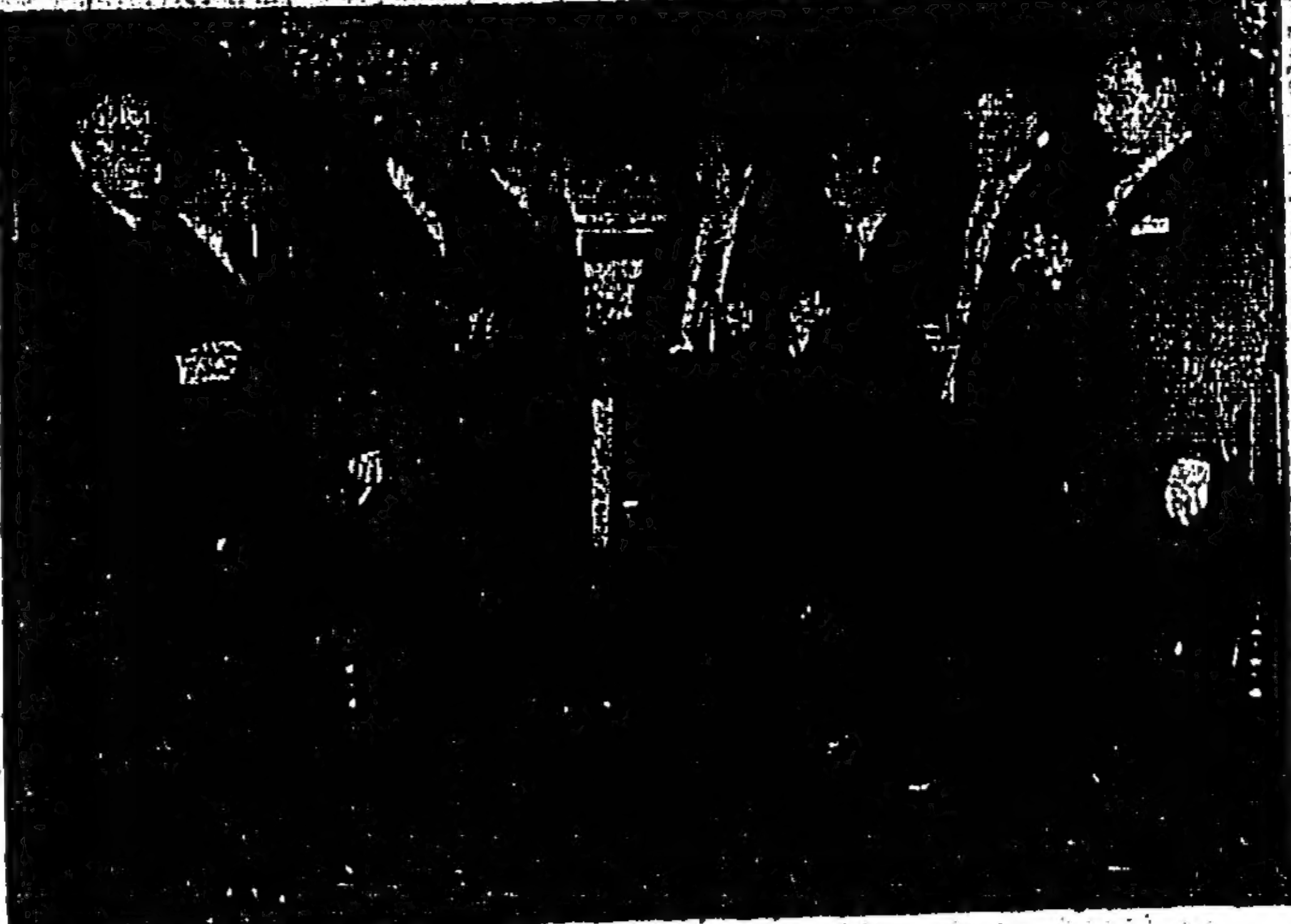
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THE famous Hollywood producer-director, Mr Otto Preminger (second from right), and Mr Robert Snody, Twentieth Century-Fox production executive (centre), photographed before a Chinese street set during a visit to the Yung Hwa studios in Kowloon. Mr Preminger plans to make a film in Hongkong.



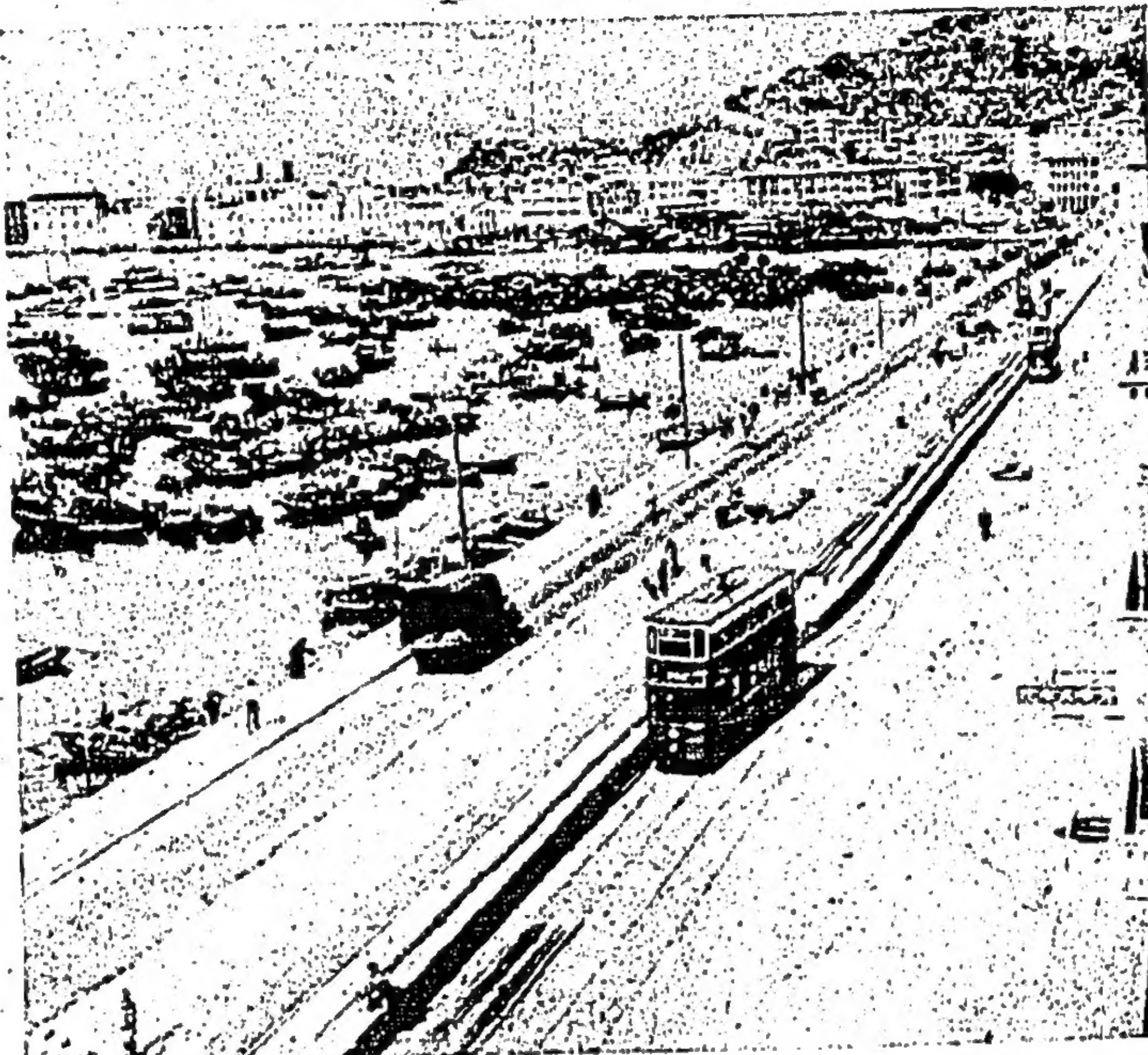
PICTURE taken at a cocktail party given in the Hongkong Hotel last week by Transocean Air Lines Inc. of California, who will shortly institute a weekly service to Hongkong. At extreme right is Mr Douglas Shorman Starr, who is Far East manager of the line. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



A goalless draw was the result of the annual football match between Norwegian and Danish residents, played at Happy Valley last Sunday. Here are the two teams, the Danes being in upper picture. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE annual athletic sports of the King George V School were held last Saturday. Upper photo: the finish of one of the senior girls' sprint races. Lower photo: start of the junior girls' sack race. Right: a competitor in the long jump. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



RECLAMATION work has made possible the widening of Causeway Bay Road. The re-claimed portion is on a higher level than the old road, which will be raised accordingly. This view was taken early in the week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



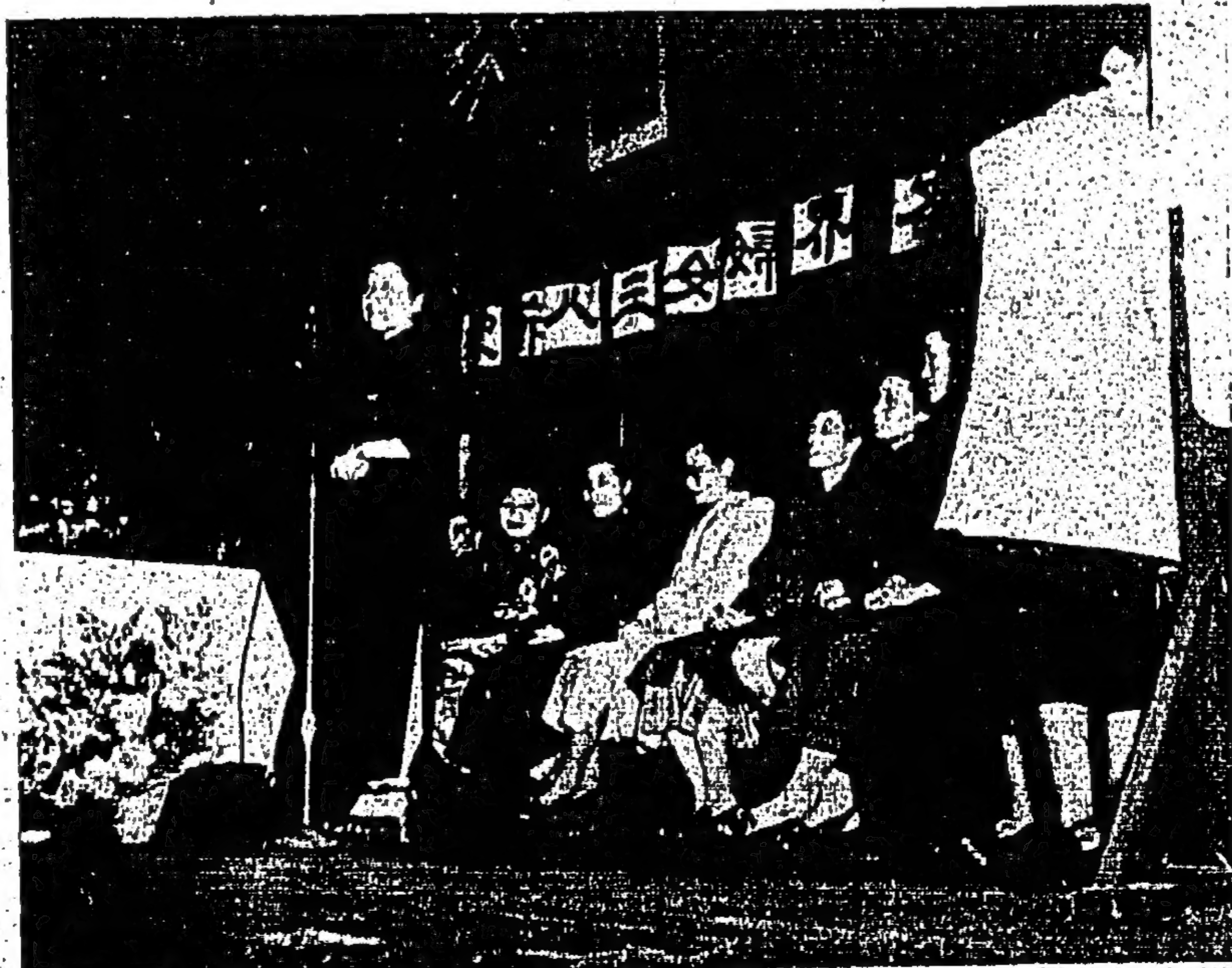
RIGHT: Two parties at the Kowloon Cricket Club's "March Hare" dance last Saturday. Upper picture shows Mr and Mrs E. C. Fincher, Mr R. S. Capell, Mr and Mrs A. J. Edgar, Mr and Mrs J. J. King and Miss P. Ward. Lower picture shows Mrs A. David, Mrs L. Benjamin, Mrs Ebert, Mrs P. da Rocha, Mr G. da Rocha and Mr B. F. Benjamin. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



EIGHTEEN recruits for the Hongkong Police Force were among those who arrived by air on Monday in a chartered aircraft from England. Picture was taken at Kai Tak after landing. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Robert Hart, newly-appointed officer-in-charge of the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market, photographed in his office last week after he had conducted pressmen on a tour of the collecting centres. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MISS Cecilia W. F. Shen, chairman of the Chinese Women's Welfare Association, speaking at the mass meeting held at the King's Theatre on Wednesday on the occasion of Women's Day. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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Inside the Soviet Union

Secret of the mystery 'confessions'

A refined torture of the body and mind that has never been equalled in history

by Lieut.-Colonel
GRIGORI A. TOKAEV

Formerly a highly placed Soviet officer

TERROR such as is practised in the Soviet "Union" has never been equalled in the history of mankind.

What are the lines through which this terror operates? Here they are:—
M.V.D.—Ministry of Internal Affairs.

M.G.B.—Ministry of State Security.

S.M.E.R.S.H.—Counter Espionage and Secret Service.

Military.—Political Organs, State Public Prosecutors' Offices and Courts, Ministry of State Control.

All party political organisations.

The kingpin of all these is undoubtedly the M.V.D. Everyone, however highly placed, is liable to summary arrest by this organisation.

The laws which govern its activities are very simple:—
Only one party has the right to exist in the U.S.S.R.—the Communist Party.

The Politburo can never be wrong.
There is only one genius in the world—Stalin.

Any person who thinks differently automatically becomes an "enemy of the people" and a "spy of a foreign Power."

Arrests are usually carried out in the middle of the night. The victim is taken away without explanations, and from that moment the very mention of his or her name becomes dangerous.

The danger lies in the fact that if a person is arrested by these bodies it follows that he or she is an "enemy of the people."

Anyone connected with an "enemy of the people" automatically becomes suspect.

There are secret agents in every Soviet establishment, factory, collective, farm, military formation, etc.

For instance, if any London paper, or the B.B.C., or London University were

located in the U.S.S.R., they would all have M.V.D., M.G.B., and S.M.E.R.S.H. sections attached to them.

M.V.D. has gone through many evolutions since 1917. Its chiefs have mostly been unlucky.

The first, Serebryakov, was shot. He was followed by Dzerzhinski, who died. Menzhinski was put to death. Yezhov was shot. Ezhev was either shot or he is still alive in some penal settlement.

Beriya, the Politburo member, is the present head of all these terrorist organisations. Colonel General Kruglov is the head of the M.V.D.

Nobody can tell for certain where the M.V.D. activities begin and the M.G.B. activities end.

In principle, the M.G.B. is mainly concerned with counter-espionage and secret service activities outside the U.S.S.R.

A typical example of its work was the case of Cardinal Mindszenty in Canada, while the case of Cardinal Mindszenty is a typical example of S.M.E.R.S.H. activities.

M G B AGENTS in every country

I AM quite certain that the M.G.B. has its agents operating in every country of the world.

I am equally certain that every foreign ambassador, and in fact, every foreigner in the U.S.S.R., is the object of kindly solicitude of S.M.E.R.S.H. agents.

S.M.E.R.S.H. also keeps constant watch on all Soviet diplomatic personnel, foreign trade officials, members of the so-called "Society for Cultural Relations with Abroad," and, in fact, all Soviet citizens who are either abroad or have any connection with foreign lands.

All Soviet diplomatic couriers are M.G.B. agents.

M.G.B. strength abroad can be illustrated by the following incident:—

I was talking to Colonel Klykov, chief of the M.V.D.-M.G.B. administration in Brandenburg Province, near Professor Tank, the German aircraft designer, and mentioned that Tank had told me that he wished to go to England.

Klykov said: "I can get him back, even from London."

Let me try to describe now how easy it is to become a victim of Soviet terror.

Take the case of a married man, liked by everyone, completely neutral in politics, holding a fairly high position.

Suppose he lives in Moscow, where housing conditions are such that he shares a small flat with other families. There is only one kitchen, one lavatory.

It is only natural that, under such conditions, trivial irritations acquire proportions out of all perspective.

Eventually, the co-inhabitants are at daggers drawn. Stupid and unfounded denunciations follow.

Then one man one day happens to tell his wife that he read that in the United States ordinary workmen have houses of their own.

This remark may be overheard through the thin wooden partition which separates the living quarters, and a neighbour will immediately report him for having pro-American tendencies and probably being an American spy.

A SUSPECT 'Bourgeois influence'

THE party organiser of the establishment in which the man is working will entrust a good "relative" Communist, usually a friend, to insinuate himself into the private life of the suspect.

After a time this man will report that, although he could not find concrete evidence, the very atmosphere of the place suggested that the suspect was under bourgeois influence.

For instance, he pays a lot of attention to his personal comfort, he has an armchair of which he seems to be particularly fond, etc., etc.

The party organiser will now summon the accused for an interview and will point out to him his moral decay.

If the man tries to clear himself and does not agree with every word of the accusation, he is called before higher party organisations, where he is accused of more serious crimes.

He is also accused of refusing to admit his wrong and therefore he disgraces from the party line. Finally the man is entangled in such a web of accusations that he usually ends by confessing his sins; in which case he is only severely reprimanded.

If, on the other hand, he persists in trying to prove his innocence the case goes still further. He is thrown out of the party if he happens to be a party member and handed over to the tender mercies of the M.V.D.

People who see this procedure and the final results are usually ready to admit any kind of sin at the earliest stage in order to avoid the consequences.

JUST A NAME It meant ruin

I CAN quote an example which, although it may be difficult to believe, is a fact.

Professor Kazanski was a learned Marxist-Leninist, an old party member and a lecturer at the Zhukovski Military Academy. He held the rank of Divisional Commissar, which is now equivalent to Lieutenant-General.



BERIYA—terrorist-in-chief

One day, at a party meeting, one of his students accused him of counter-revolutionary activities and mentioned that Kazanski's young son was called Ledit. His theory was that Ledit could quite easily be a cryptonym and abbreviation of Lev Davidovich Trotsky.

This theory was pounced upon by other speakers, and the net result was that, after going through the stages described above, Kazanski was cashiered, thrown out of the academy and went through the hands of the M. V. D.

Last time I saw him he was wearing an old soldier's overcoat, and looked a complete moral and physical wreck.

I will try to describe M. V. D. methods.

First of all, it must be borne in mind that no person is ever allowed to appear in open court unless he has confessed.

Secondly, only exceptionally strong natures can withstand the M. V. D. methods of extracting confessions.

The case always opens in the same way.

An M. V. D. officer very politely tells the accused that he has put himself into a very difficult situation, and that he should try to extricate himself.

He then hands him a prepared confession for signature.

The accused is told that his life will be spared, and that he will probably not suffer any hardship if he signs.

If this method does not get the desired result, pressure is exercised through wives, children, and near relatives.

The accused is shown photographs of his arrested near-ones in attitudes of agony.

If this does not bear fruit, he is shown his children or wife undergoing tortures in front of him. Very few people are able to resist this.

But some do. As a last resort physical torture is employed. Various methods are used.

The Lubyanka Prison in Moscow is the place equipped with the most refined instruments of torture.

In the provinces methods are much coarser.

One of the favourite ideas is to put the accused into a kind of dentist's chair, handcuffed hand and foot.

The interrogator then puts a collection of shining instruments on a table in front of the accused.

A bandage is put across the man's eyes, and the interrogator, after a few minutes asks him still very politely whether he has now changed his mind.

If the man does not break down a plank is put across the arms of the chair and his hands are tied to it in such a way that he cannot move them.

His books are taken off and the same is done to his legs.

Again the interrogator asks whether the man has changed his mind.

HE WENT WHITE In a few minutes

THE psychological torture is such that I know of one man who went completely white during the few minutes between the time when the instruments were taken out of the case and his eyes were bandaged.

In most cases people confess without any physical torture being applied.

If the accused persists in his innocence or keeps silent, the interrogator just touches the tips of his fingers with a sharp instrument, jokingly remarking that his nails are dirty and that something ought to be done about it.

Quite suddenly, the interrogator sticks a needle under the nail.

His nerves being strained to breaking point, the man shrieks from the excruciating pain, upon which he is hit on the mouth by an attendant standing behind the chair.

After this the bandage is taken off, the man is released and led away, the interrogator telling him that he will see him the next day.

If the man does not confess the same procedure is adopted next day, but this time the needle is used two or three times, sometimes under the toenails and sometimes under the finger-nails.

In the following days the process varies until all the instruments have been tried.

One of them looks like a pair of scissors, the blades being replaced by sharp needles. The points are inserted under the nail and prised open by pressure.

Another method is use is a needle, through which runs a high tension electric current.

HANDCUFFED Bracelets grip

A SIMPLER method which, in many cases, proves effective is to put the "patient's" wrists into rigid handcuffs, with the bracelets gripping some of the skin.

The victim is unable to move without suffering excruciating pain.

I also know, but only from hearsay, of the existence of a more complicated torture chair. It is a metal armchair. By pressing a lever, the operator forces the bottom seat to come up. The seat is studded with spikes which fit into holes in the real seat.

By exercising pressure on the lever, the spikes enter the body more or less deeply.

The spikes are split and can be opened at will by pressing a button, which sets in motion a small electric motor located under the bottom seat.

Thus, in one way or another, the M. V. D. usually manage to obtain "spontaneous" confessions."

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THE END

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"It's a fine state of ecclesiastical affairs when the Dean of Canterbury believes everything he reads in Pravda, and the Bishop of Birmingham doesn't believe half he reads in the Bible."

Pig that gives meat to order

PROFESSOR L. M. Winters, of the University School of Agriculture, Minnesota, who surprised America with a new breed of pig, is going to England to show farmers how to produce "tailor-made" pigs.

According to the professor his pig, called the Minnesota No. 1, is a super animal, bred after years of careful study of genetics.

He claims an animal which will eat less, gain weight in less time, and produce meat on whichever part of the carcass it is wanted.

"We are making pork chops and bacon to order," Professor Winters told the Americans.

"The pig can be termed 'tailor made,' because all the ideal characteristics are made to order by careful inbreeding."

Animals used in the foundation herd in 1930 were eight Canadian Tamworths—a light, sandy coloured breed—and six Danish Landrace. The Landrace is the typical Danish bacon pig.

These animals were mated, but after two years the purebred animals were removed from the herd, which has been bred from within ever since.

Minnesota No. 1 are red-gold in colour, slightly diffused with black.

NOT A FLUKE
American breeders are backing Professor Winters. Today there are nearly 6,000 pigs in over 300 registered herds in 24 States.

Mr. Joseph B. Swain, ex-master of the London Butchers' Company, and an importer of frozen pork, recently flew 4,600 miles to look at the Minnesota No. 1. Of it he says:—

"Professor Winters has produced a pig with good hams and meat just where we want it."

Last autumn Professor Winters introduced his Minnesota No. 2—an off-shoot of No. 1. This second breed, he claims, proves that No. 1 was not a fluke. "We set out to breed certain traits in No. 2, and that is what we are developing."

British breeders are sceptical of Professor Winters' new breeds. Some of them say it may take 50 years to stabilise the type.

But the American professor claims that he can make a new breed of pig in seven years, a new breed of sheep in 12 years and an entirely new type of cattle in 15 years.

—Mary Ball

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JUNGLE JUSTICE
DAB and FLOUNDER
—by Walter

Eisenhower's critics are shooting wide

by MILTON SHULMAN

EACH new war memoir puffs flickering life into the dying embers of the controversies of the last World War. General Eisenhower's book, *Crusade in Europe*, published recently, is no exception.

But that so straightforward and honest an account should give rise to bitter acrimony in Britain is far less a condemnation of Eisenhower than it is of those super-sensitive nationalists who feel it is their duty to blast shrilly about "jeopardising Anglo-American relations" whenever someone suggests that there was an American as well as a British view about how World War II should have been fought.

At least one fact emerges clearly from the spate of books about the war. It is that men like Churchill, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Montgomery, Marshall and Patton were not always right.

Crusade in Europe is published in the United States by Doubleday, and in Britain by Heinemann.

They would be the first to admit this obvious truth.

IN *Crusade in Europe* Eisenhower thoroughly vindicates his reputation as one of the greatest living exponents of the need and desirability of a firm and warm Anglo-American friendship. This belief pervades almost every page of his memoirs.

But it does not prevent him from speaking out frankly when discussing his disagreements either with Churchill or Montgomery. One admires him all the more for the graciousness and obvious sincerity with which he consistently presents both sides of these differences of opinion.

It seems difficult now to realise that this man who was in late 1943 appointed Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force was so unhesitatingly an American newspaperman under his photograph identified him as "Lt. Col. D. D. Eisenhower." On this Eisenhower comments, "At least the initials were right."

As head of the Operations Division of the War Department, directly responsible to General Marshall, the Chief of Staff, Eisenhower was intimately involved in the early discussions on the opening of a second front in North-West Europe.

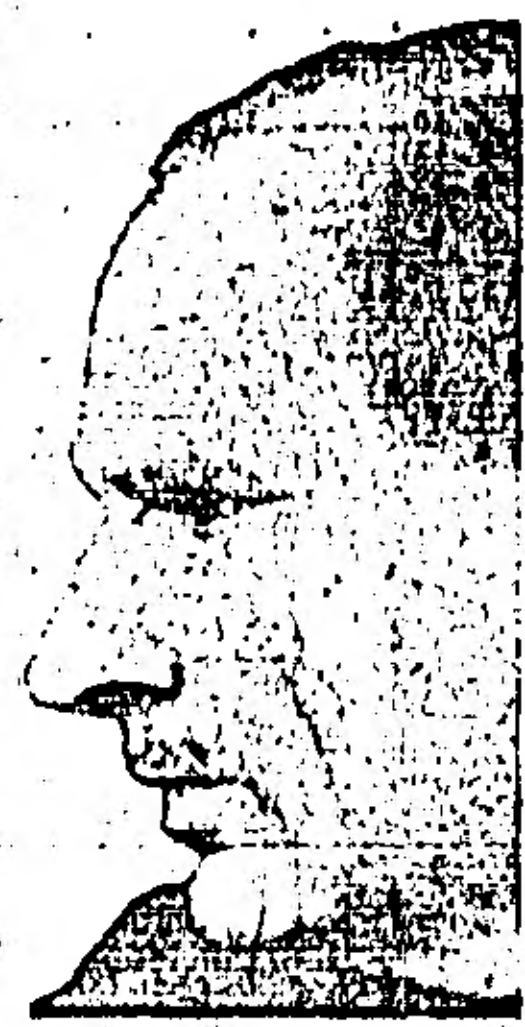
Eisenhower leaves no doubt where he initially stood on this problem. He and Marshall were two of the most vigorous advocates of acquiring a limited bridgehead in Northern France in 1942 to be followed by a full-scale invasion in the spring of 1943.

WHEN he was informed on July 22 that the proposal for an invasion in 1942 had been rejected as too dangerous, Captain Bletcher reports that Eisenhower remarked the day could well go down as "the blackest day in history."

In his own memoirs, however, Eisenhower sets out in detail the practical objections to the proposal and admits that many of the American assumptions had to be revised in the light of the British position.



EISENHOWER—frank



MONTY—difficult

Morally the postponement of the second front until 1944 will be difficult for Anglo-American historians to justify in view of the many promises to the Russians that it would be opened up before then.

But strategically there will always be room for argument whether an assault on the French coast in 1943 might not have ended the war much sooner. Yet even as late as November 1943 Churchill continued to voice his misgivings about a cross-Channel assault, and pressed his plans for an invasion of Yugoslavia, the Dodecanese and Greece, the "soft underbelly of Europe."

I NEVER at any time heard Mr. Churchill urge or suggest complete abandonment of the Overlord plan," writes Eisenhower. "His conviction so far as I could interpret it, was that at some time in the indefinite future the Allies would have to cross the Channel. But he seemed to believe that our attack should be pushed elsewhere until the day when the enemy would be forced to withdraw most of his troops from north-west Europe, at which time the Allies could go in easily and safely."

Another controversy over which much ink has already been spilt was the broad-front strategy adopted by Eisenhower after the collapse of the Germans in Normandy. Sup-

porters of both Montgomery and Patton claim that had the German forces been allotted to them they could have finished the war by Christmas 1944.

MONTGOMERY strongly advocated a major offensive effort aimed at crossing the Rhine, north of the Ruhr, and advancing into the heart of Germany. Because this would have meant halting the advance of the rest of the Allied front, and because he was convinced that the supply position would have been unable to support such a "penetration" thrust without the aid of the port of Antwerp, Eisenhower adopted instead the strategy of moving towards the Rhine along the whole front until supplies were more easily available.

To contend that, on this issue, Montgomery was right and Eisenhower wrong is dogmatic nonsense.

Monty's predictions may well have prevailed, but it should be pointed out that on this question General de Gaulle, Montgomery's Chief of Staff, writes: "It is only fair to say that throughout the war this was the only major issue over which I did not agree with my Chief. I have always held the contrary view, and in the event I am more than ever convinced that I was right."

And when I spoke to Field-marshal von Rundstedt about this problem his words fully supported the Eisenhower plan. "Any suggestion that the Allies could have advanced faster than they did in September is nonsense," he told me. "On the contrary, they went much faster than was actually expected."

A third important issue over which Eisenhower differed with the British was whether or not the Allies should have raced the Russians to Berlin. In March 1945, when Churchill raised this point, the Russians were 30 miles from Berlin while we were almost 200 miles away.

THE capture of Berlin was, says Eisenhower, "politically and psychologically important as the symbol of remaining German power. I decided, however, that it was not the logical or the most desirable objective for the forces of the Western Allies."

He, therefore, went ahead with his plans for cutting off the German forces in the Danish peninsula and for driving towards the "National Redoubt" in the Austrian Alps where intelligence reports had predicted Hitler and his SS divisions were planning to carry out a Wagnerian last stand.

Since the European Advisory Commission had as early as 1944 marked out the future zones of occupied Germany and agreed on a joint Allied control of Berlin, it is difficult to see what political advantage Churchill hoped to gain by having Allied troops enter the German capital before the Russians.

Surely it cannot be contended that such a feat would have enabled us to bargain for further Russian concessions when zonal boundaries had already been finally settled at Yalta.

Nor is it likely that the Russians' gratitude for our allowing them to enter their pre-determined sector would have made them more amenable in their post-war conduct over the city.

And finally, is it not probable that had Stalin guessed what we were up to he would have seen to it that the short distance between Berlin and his forces was very quickly covered?

Now in discussing these controversies, and others such as the invasion of Southern France

and the problem of a single Allied land-force commander, Eisenhower never presents his views with the slightest tinge of resentment.

He always fairly summarises the British case and admits the forcefulness of the arguments against him. In fact sometimes he leans over so far backwards in presenting his opponent's views that one is left wondering why he finally chose the course that he did.

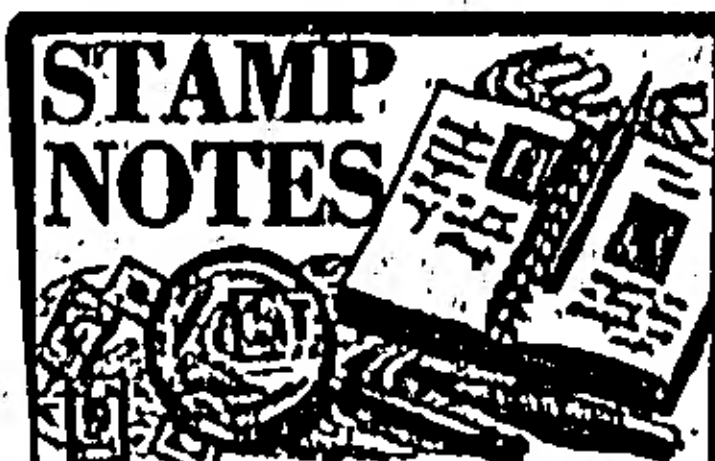
No fair-minded reader could possibly detect the slightest suggestion of anti-British bias in this honest and sincere account of those difficult days.

But perhaps even better evidence of the genuine generosity and good will that motivated Eisenhower's conduct are his kind and complimentary remarks about almost all the British personalities with whom he served. Of his relations with Montgomery, however, it is not so much what he says as what he leaves unsaid that indicates a not altogether harmonious atmosphere. Thus: "I spent much time in France, conferring frequently with General Bradley concerning timing and strength of projected battle operations. Such visits with Bradley were always enjoyable..."

But if Eisenhower found Montgomery difficult to deal with it did not affect his opinion of Montgomery as a soldier. He vigorously defends Monty's tactics in Sicily, credits him with having predicted Rommel's every move in Normandy, and he did not hesitate to place him in command of the northern half of the Ardennes battle—one of the most critical in the campaign—although the troops were predominantly American and although he was bound to be criticised for it by the bulk of American opinion.

TO Eisenhower "the first and most enduring lesson of the Mediterranean and European campaigns was the proof that war can be waged effectively by a coalition of nations."

And of another occasion he writes: "Nothing creates trouble between allies so often or so easily as unnecessary talk—particularly when it belittles one of them. A family squabble is always exaggerated beyond its true importance." Eisenhower scrupulously adheres to this wise dictum throughout *Crusade in Europe*. In judging his book we can do no less.



GREECE publishes the kidnapping of children from within its borders to lands behind the "Iron curtain" with the issuance of three stamps. The 40-drachma, 1,000 and the 1,800 all depict Greek children being kidnapped.

JAPAN'S new 16-yen blue postage stamp illustrates a view of Mount Hodaka, a peak in the Japanese Alps, with fir trees in the foreground. The stamp is issued for use on first class overseas mail.

THE Indonesian Republic has released seven bi-coloured postage stamps of an issue whose quantity has not yet been made known. Those issued to date are: 3½ sen, 3s, 4s, 7½s, 15s, 25s and 60s.

Each stamp, with the exception of the 15 and 60 sen, will have a different design.

TURKS and Calcos Islands commemorate the centenary of their political separation from the Bahamas with seven new stamps ranging from twopence to 10 shillings.

CUBA celebrates the bicentennial of the fortress Castillo de Jagua and the centenary of the first printed newspaper, *Hoja Economica*, in Cienfuegos with two new stamps. The 1-centavo yellow green and the 2-centavo jointly commemorate the two occasions.

TUNISIA honours its army with two semi-postal stamps. The design, which illustrates the *Ar de Triomphe* of Sbeitla, appears on the 10-franc plus 40 olive green and the 18 franc plus 42 blue.

TURKEY has issued six new air mail stamps which are engraved with three different designs. The 5 and 40 kuruks have a four engine plane in flight over Izmir, the 20 and 25 kuruks show a two engine transport plane over Ankara while the 30 kuruks and the 1 lira stamps picture a single engine cabin plane flying over Istanbul.

FROM HERE AND THERE:

"Include Us Out," Say Film Tycoons

NEW YORK: Hollywood regents an accusation that its highly-paid picture producers say "ain't." The charge is made in a new Broadway play which vigorously satirises the film tycoons. It says the picture makers are at the "ain't level" of intelligence. So Hollywood digs into statistics. True, 49 have no formal education. Two are secondary schoolboys. One went to an art school. But the remaining 75 boast university degrees.

PICGING IT!

NEW YORK: Paul H. Smith, an engineering student at the University of Michigan, is to try to out-eat a hog. The hog, four months old, will be fed on oats, corn and wheat washed down with milk and water. Smith will start with eggs and switch to steaks, potatoes and vegetables. The contest will be the climax of a week of "guzzling" at the university, described by the president of its health

service as disgusting. He said, after hearing of oyster-purging fests, "A hog could eat more than that." Smith thinks he is wrong.

WANTED—A BRIDE

NICE: Antibes is unable to find a girl to qualify for an annual marriage dowry left by a citizen in 1838. Conditions are that she be under 25, born in Antibes or of parents living there for more than 25 years, and that the wedding take place in Antibes on June 14 each year. The last time the dowry was won was in 1934, by a girl who was divorced a year later. This year a girl applied for the dowry, mounting to frs 11,430. She fulfilled the first two conditions but not the third. She said she could not wait until June 14 to get married. Now the Antibes Town Council have decided to advertise for a candidate in the local Press.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"If the Truth Were Told"

BY KEMP STARRETT



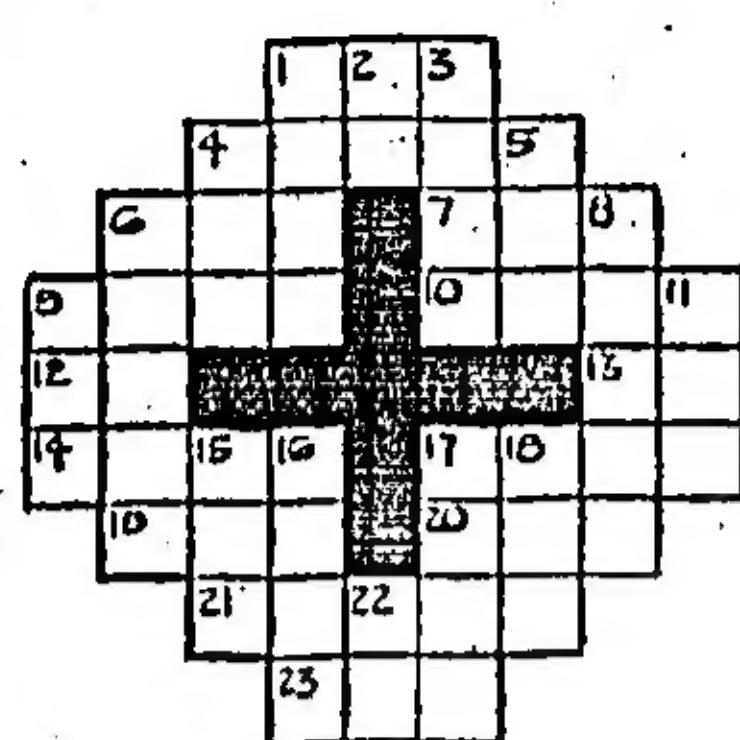
SPORTS

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MENTAL GYMNASIUM

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Also
- 2 Sweetmeats
- 3 Cleaning tool
- 4 Over (poetic)
- 5 Tardy
- 6 Shower
- 7 Boy's nickname
- 8 Virginia (ab.)
- 9 Story
- 10 Waste allowance
- 11 Crimson
- 12 Rodent
- 13 Strong vegetable
- 14 Social insect

DOWN

- 1 Narrow strip of fabric
- 2 Preposition
- 3 Smell
- 4 Folding bed
- 5 Affirmative (archaic)
- 6 Pertaining to the cheek
- 7 Fasten firmly
- 8 Pillar
- 9 Burmese wood sprite
- 10 Lion
- 11 Girl's name
- 12 Horse's gait
- 13 Hastened
- 14 Within

ADD-A-LETTER

Add a letter to a Hebrew letter and have "to mimic," add another and have "a sleeveless garment," another and have "a scenic view," another and have "to evade."

MUMBLE-JUMBLE

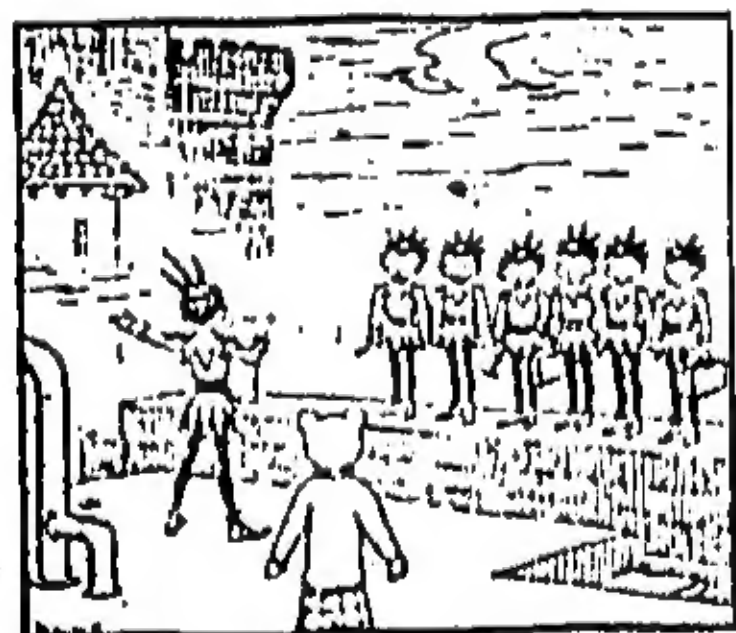
The following sentence is quite scrambled, but if you rearrange the words, you can make sense out of it: two's product The three, of sum equals three's plus two four sum times of three the of

DIAMOND

MONARCH forms the centre of our diamond. The second word is "a distress signal," the third "patron of Christmas," the fifth "an aeroplane part," and the sixth "to perform."

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Rupert's Elf in Bell—33



The Leader does not waste any time after he realises the importance of Rupert's message. He sends for six more lively elves and lines them up with their tool kits. There is top trouble near Newwood," he cries. "You are needed there urgently." He reads them directions as to the quickest way to get there, and they scamper off at top speed. "You have done everyone a very good turn, little bear," he says. Rupert smiles. "I still don't quite understand what it's all about," he murmurs.

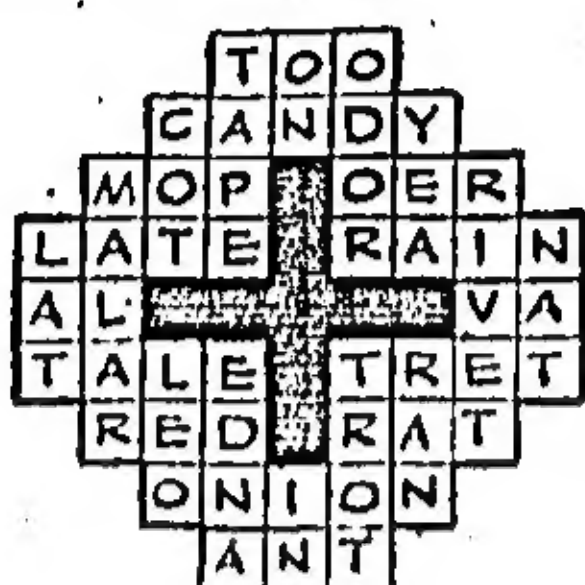
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RIDDLES

1. What never asks questions but requires many answers?
2. Why is a vine like a soldier?
3. Why is an acrobat like a boxer?
4. Why is a young lady like a violin?

ANSWERS

CROSSWORD:



MUMBLE-JUMBLE: The sum of two three's plus the sum of three two's equals the product of four times three.

ADD-A-LETTER: Pe, ape, capo, scape, escape.

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RIDDLE ANSWERS: 1—The door-bell. 2—Because it has ten-drills (ten drills) and then shoots. 3—Because he can't get his living without some assaults (summersaults). 4—Because she is often seen with a bow (beau).

By MAX TRELL

"WHEN I grow up," Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, said to his sister Hanid, "I'm going to own a store."

Hanid, who was sitting in the corner of the playroom reading a book, glanced up at her brother in surprise. "I never knew you wanted to be a storekeeper, Knarf. What kind of a store are you going to have?"

"I don't know yet," said Knarf. "What kind of stores are there?"

"Oh, there are lots and lots of different kinds," said Hanid. "Would you like to be a grocer and have a Grocery Store? You could sell butter and eggs and milk and all other things to eat."

"If I were a grocer and had a Grocery Store," said Knarf, "I would never have to be hungry, would I?"

Sell Potatoes

"No," said Hanid, "or you could be a vegetable man and have a Vegetable Store. You could sell potatoes and beans and cabbage, and also all kinds of fruits."

"That would be nice, too," agreed Knarf.

"Or," continued Hanid, "you could be a butcher and have a Butcher Shop. Then you could sell steak, and lamb chops and chicken."

"That would be wonderful!" Knarf exclaimed. "I'd certainly like to have a Butcher Shop."

"Or," said Hanid, "you could be a candy man and have a Candy Shop. You could sell chocolates, bonbons, fudge, ice-cream and lollipops."

"That's what I want—a Candy Store!" Knarf cried.

"But then," Hanid went on, "there are other kind of stores. For instance, you could be a druggist and have a Drug Store. You could sell medicines and help sick people get better."

"I'd like to do that," said Knarf.

"Or you could have a Clothing Store," said Hanid, "and sell

THE boys and girls of today are as familiar with aeroplanes as with the family wash.

But there was a time when the sound of engines in the air brought not only the young, but everyone else out of the house.

Shops emptied. Small factories were temporarily deserted by employees who crowded into the street to gaze heavenward. All had only one burning desire, to see a ship of the sky.

So anxious were people to see an aeroplane that in 1914 several mischievous boys on a city street corner began pointing and exclaiming as though looking at something above, and caused a traffic jam which called out police reserves and caused a delay of almost half an hour.

Thirty years ago and more, men laughed at death when they climbed into one of the flimsy kites they flew. During World War I, a man's plane was about as dangerous to his life as enemy bullets.

The Wright brothers in the early part of this century at Dayton, Ohio, in the United States, were trying to build a "crate" that



THE AIRSHIPS OF TODAY PASS OVER OUR HEADS SO FREQUENTLY WE NO LONGER STRETCH OUR NECKS TO WATCH.

THE WRIGHTS FATHERED THIS AMAZING AIR TRAVEL MORE THAN A GENERATION AGO

EARLY PLANES FLEW AROUND 40 MILES PER HOUR—OUR JET PLANES CAN NOW FLY 600 MILES AN HOUR

would fly. They had only a small bicycle shop in which to work and there was much to learn. Safety devices for air travel had not yet been invented.

THE cost of materials, the loss of work on the bicycles while they spent long hours on their "crate" was ruining them.

It was a question of "Can we continue to eat?" A sister, a school teacher, came to her brothers' aid. From her small salary she gave to Orville and Wilbur all she could possibly spare, and wages then were a fourth of what they are today.

Finally on Dec. 17, 1903, it was Orville's turn to try to fly. He was successful in flying almost a half mile in a motor-driven plane at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Today planes can make non-stop flights across seas and continents.

Boys and girls who today see the gleaming monsters of the air roaming the skies can hardly realise what a frail craft the Wright brothers flew.

It was no more sturdy than an orange box and so much resembled a crate that for many years men who flew even the improved planes in 1914 to 1918 war called them "CRATES." Pilots had no protection from wind, snow or rain, but sat on the wing with only a belt to hold them.

The success of the Wright brothers was of no commercial value in 1903. Their ultimate success in flying over a period of time and distance was entirely due to a stern perseverance. They would not admit defeat. Even after their first flight, their ship was of no use to carry loads. It was only a toy, and it was dangerous to fly in.

AFTER years of effort and a painstaking study on the part of the Wrights and others aeroplanes were perfected to a degree of safety.

Today we have large closed air liners. They fly on schedule. A generation ago it was more certain that an expected plane would not arrive when looked for than that it would. It was customary to land in a field and resume flight a day or so later. People

gathered to receive the pilot with a brass band.

Both the Wright brothers, who pioneered the way, are now dead. But every plane thundering across the heavens is a monument to two men and their sister who had faith in man's ability to fly.

Good Words Can Be Useful Tools

THE ease with which teen-agers pick up the slang expressions of the day is sufficient proof that learning new words comes naturally.

So why not learn good words? What new words, other than slang expressions, have YOU learned this week? This month? This year?

A wide vocabulary is important. The words you learn today could, in a few more years, spell the difference between a top position and a mediocre job.

They could mean, even now, a real social handicap. Your vocabulary is stamping you for better or for worse, for life.

THE first question is: how can you build a vocabulary? To go to the dictionary and study a page at a time sounds dull and it is.

Why not take a subject in which you are enthusiastically interested as a starter? Your hobby, for instance, might be chemistry. A whole crop of new words are being born daily in this field. Chloromycin, the new antibiotic, is one. And what, by the way, is an antibiotic?

The definitions of these two words may open up an entirely undiscovered field of knowledge to you.

In each new definition you may find words you do not know. Look them up and learn them. Your trips through the dictionary may take you to many interesting fields.

IF you are not technically inclined in your hobby, try the word game. Play it by yourself. Play it with your chums on the way to school. Take the weather, a common enough subject. How many words can you think of to describe the

CRAFTS

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JOKES

ZOO'S WHO



A MOLE'S FUR LIES FLAT, NO MATTER WHICH WAY IT IS STROKED...THE LITTLE ANIMAL CAN TRAVEL FORWARDS OR BACKWARDS THROUGH HIS TUNNEL WITHOUT RUFFLING HIS COAT...



NEW ZEALAND WAS WITHOUT MAMMALS OR MARSUPIALS UNTIL MAN IMPORTED THEM...



BASEBALL SOMETIMES IS PLAYED WITH BOTH TEAMS RIDING ON DONKEYS...

These Puzzles Have Baffled The World

"IT'S a puzzling world." And there are some puzzles which have defied the sharpest minds for centuries. You ask, "Why can we see through glass?" The answer you may expect is, "Because it is transparent." But does this answer the question or is it just another way of saying, "Because we can see through it."

OTHER puzzles have been solved. There is the famous riddle of the Sphinx, that terrifying lady monster of Boeotia who concocted stiff puzzles for the inhabitants of the country to solve and devoured those who failed.

The Sphinx's prize riddle was: "What animal walks on four legs in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening?" The Sphinx thought this one so good that she promised to destroy herself if anybody could find the answer.

Finally a fellow called Oedipus, who should have been nick-named "long shot," came out with the following clever guess, "It's a man!"

The Sphinx turned very pale. "How did you know?" she asked. "Well," Oedipus grinned as he gathered courage, "a man crawls on all fours in the morning of his life; he walks erect on two legs at the noon of life; and he hobbles around on two legs and a stick in the evening of life."

This answer proved good enough for the Sphinx so she promptly knocked her head against the nearest rock and died. All of which proves that puzzle solvers can be valuable at times.

MANY unsolved puzzles deal with science and mathematics. For centuries the alchemists have tried to turn cheap metals into gold. So far nobody has done it.

No one has yet been able to "square a circle," which is to make a square containing exactly the same area as a circle of known radius.



Some riddles depend on a play of words for the confusion they create, others involve a contradiction of terms. Once there was a problem to be done in the fewest possible straight lines. A fellow called Alec, afterwards nick-named "smart," solved the thing by the use of only one straight line, because, as he said, "I made all the other lines crooked."

NOW can you answer this one? What would happen if a moving body which could not be stopped, collided with a body which could not be moved? The problem cannot be solved because we have a contradiction of terms. If there is such a thing as a body which cannot be stopped, there cannot be at the same time something which can not be moved.

Sometimes, the simpler the puzzle, the harder it is to solve. You simply can't see it for looking. A jangler of letters discovered that one of the shortest phrases in English which would read the same when spelled backwards as forwards is, "Madam, I'm Adam." It's very good, isn't it? Think about Adam calling to his wife, "Eve!" he says. That's the same either way, too.

DO-IT By Dale Goss

Things to Make With Materials at Hand



5. Cover inside (except for window) with green POSTER PAINT or GREEN PAPER 7 inches wide and 9 inches long. Paint outside and top with different color.

6. Add small STONES and SAND to bottom.

7. Cut out 2 fish from COLORED PAPER.

8. String thru top with GREEN THREAD.

1. Use medium-sized round CEREAL CARTON about 7 inches high.

2. Peel off paper from outside.

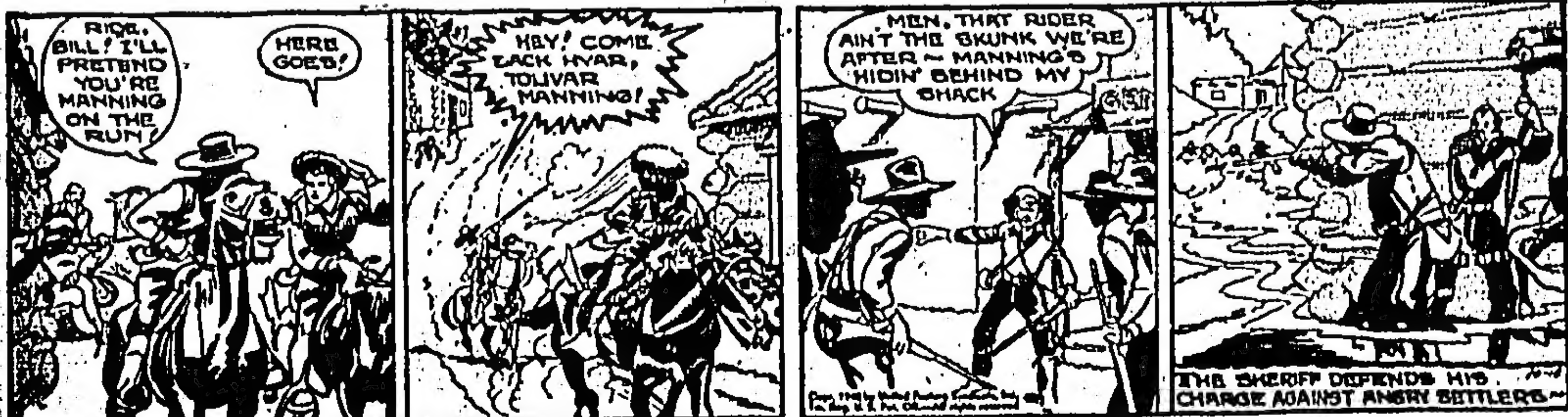
3. Cut window 4 inches high and 3 inches across.

4. On inside, over window, fasten clear CELLOPHANE with ADHESIVE or SCOTCH-TAPES.

BRONCHO BILL

Opening Fire

By Harry F. O'Neill



SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

MCKENNEY
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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THERE are many who wish health and happiness to Thomas F. McCarthy and the members of The Whist Club of New York City. Each year Mr. McCarthy and Whist Club members conduct a party at the Hotel Pierre for the benefit of the Children's Cancer Fund.

Many people do not realize that children have cancer, but Mr. McCarthy is not one of them. He has run this party for a number of years now, so that our fund may continue its fight against cancer in children.

I am not sure how the boys at The Whist Club bid today, but I know that they arrived at three no trump. When the five of spades was opened, Mr. McCarthy laid off until the third round. Then he led a small heart and won in dummy with the jack. The five of clubs was returned, and when East put on the nine-spot, Mr. McCarthy finessed the queen. When it held, he went back over to dummy with a heart and led another club.

When East played the king, declarer did not make the mistake of winning the trick. He let East hold it, and now there was no way for East to put his partner in the lead. Regardless of what he returned, Mr. McCarthy was assured of at least nine tricks.

SKELETON CROSSWORD

IN the skeleton crossword the black squares and clue numbers, as well as the words, are left for the solver to fill in. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

The black squares form a symmetrical pattern in which the two sides of the puzzle balance each other, and the top half corresponds with the bottom half.

CLUES ACROSS	
2. Esultant bird with a ring.	
3. John d'oe ken?	
4. The cheerful friend of a vill.	
10. Change the environment of a stone, maybe.	
11. Make a meal off grass?	
13. If you want a new howler, he might supply one.	
16. Alternative title for Much Ado About Nothing?	
17. A bit short (two words).	
20. Native of Texas.	
23. Making the supplies last out, as in making.	
24. Of old of old.	
25. She's not worth much.	
26. A rotten do' (slog).	
CLUES DOWN	
1. Doing a fairy, she may well start a ring.	
2. Mackintosh, for example.	
3. Chastous about the first part of the spectacle.	
4. It's a date!	
6. All set for a hit (three words).	
8. Get lot for a conspiracy.	
7. This print is for planners.	
11. One way to cook a chop!	
12. Supply meals in a cart?	
14. Puss's up to it, without a sound.	
15. They're usually stranded.	
18. River which flows up to Scotland.	
19. Something done in Dundee docks.	
21. Dry up—it's a eaten!	
22. Part of a tannale.	

(Solution on this page)

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"When I got home, Mother and Dad were having a quarrel, too—it sounded so silly I borrowed some eggs and came back!"

WEEK-END QUIZ

- Many Scottish place names begin with "Ben." What is the meaning of the word?
- Who were known as Monsieur and Madame Vetot?
- Who was the man, later to become Prime Minister of England, who joined the gold rushes in Australia in the middle of the last century?
- In the United States, who preside over the Senate and the House of Representatives?
- What is the difference between choreography and chorography?
- Why is the devil called Satan?
- What war did the Treaty of Vereeniging end?
- Who wrote the following lines and in what circumstances were they used—"Was ever book containing such vile matter so fairly bound?"
- What foreign country still uses the Union Jack as part of its national flag?
- Which victorious Allied general in World War II has had a mountain named after him?

(Answers elsewhere on this page)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE admirable C. Suet, Esq., speaking at Nun-eaton on the Huge Four-Year Investment Programme, astonished his audience by his command of tumble-cumtrivry.

Some said that he had got all his facts wrong, but had put them in the right place. Others said that by transposing his facts he made the whole affair clearer than it was before. Suet began by saying that if invisible imports were adjusted to invisible exports, the "mechanisation of home production would mean a higher rate of investment abroad, particularly if non-dollar resources were used to decrease foreign consumption. At this point the chairman leaned over and spoke to Suet, who glanced quickly at his notes, laid his right forefinger along his upper lip and breathed down his nose.

'Unorthodox economics'

SUET went on to say that to close the gap in the balance of payments sterling should be devalued. There was a gasp from the audience. "Revalued," said Suet with a grin. He then continued: "There is no harm in an adverse trade balance if it is due to the import of goods which we do not require or to the export of goods which other countries do not require. By redeployment of man-power industrial output can be lowered to such an extent that it becomes an invisible asset to set against distribution."

When C. Suet, Esq., sat down there were a few lukewarm cheers, "but many people were puzzled," says the Economist.

Questions—and answers

QUESTIONS followed. Asked what he meant by invisible exports, Suet said: "Spending widely and in general, invisible exports are those which we do not see." "Ghosts?" suggested an intellectual. Suet nodded. Asked what he meant by industrial output, Suet said: "Taken by and large I should say it means the output of any given industry or group of industries in relation to the goods which they are putting out." He added quickly: "It is basically a fiscal matter." Asked what was the "flattening out" in the

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

BORN today, you have a facile mind, a good memory and a quick sense of humour. You can be as charming as you wish to be. Among your friends of your own choosing, you are gay, bright and entertaining. If you do not wish to be that, you can withdraw into your individualistic shell and be as aloof and unapproachable as you please.

This makes you misunderstood by many. If you are to indulge in this type of temperament, make sure that you select a field of work where it will be an asset rather than a disadvantage.

Fond of dramatizing your own life, you might be able to make a career on the stage with considerable success. You have talents, but you are not a good promotional agent for your

own endeavours. You are too dependent, in this regard, upon others. Learn a little more self-reliance and your success may come more quickly.

You of the fair sex must guard against idle chatter. You are naturally a good conversationalist and can talk about anything with anyone. Just make sure that what you have to say really means something. You are sufficiently individualistic not to care what others say or think of your actions and this independence, properly guided, can bring you to a real and lasting success. Stick to your goal and work for it.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

BORN today, you have one of those lightning-quick minds that can come to a conclusion at a moment's notice. Fortunately, your analysis is keen and your first decision is usually the right one. Because of this you are apt to be a few steps ahead of your nearest competitor and can get the rewards.

Your one failing is that you desire perfection and if you fail to reach what you believe to be the very best, you become despondent. You worry too much about past failures. Don't let yourself do this, for you waste precious energy in moaning over "spilt milk."

You are one of those who is called "lucky," since you always seem to land on your feet. Too

few realise that the stars have given you very keen perceptions and that you are using them.

You women are especially good at planning entertainments and will make excellent hostesses either in your own home or at clubs and civic affairs. You are highly attractive to the opposite sex and will have many admirers. It is very likely that you will make what is called a "good marriage."

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—New developments, especially a change of environment or job may be a real blessing in disguise.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A romantic adventure or making a new friend can be the turning point in your future happiness.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A message, or a possible journey to meet romance can bring an unexpected change into your life.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Don't let misunderstandings arise between you and even your best friends. The subtle approach helps.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If planning business expansion, make your plans very carefully. Consult experts and get all the facts first.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Romance is sure—but nothing else seems to be. Be thrifty and not too adventuresome in expenditures.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Morning is definitely unstable, so postpone important matters until after lunch for best results.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be optimistic about the future, for it can be about as you make it. Plan well and results are good.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Opposing forces are arrayed against your best interests, so be on guard; rest and relax. Don't push issues.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Avoid health setbacks. Don't expect too much and be very careful of all you attempt. Avoid arguments.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—You may further a friendship, especially a romantic one, by being diplomatic and tactful in everything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Exert your personal charm in making friends. The reward will be far more than even you anticipate.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Discretion is necessary. Be calm in a crisis and all will go moderately well even in trouble.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Haste can only cause an accident, so take your time. Slow, accurate progress is best now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—An addition to your income through past efforts is possible if you work things right today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Don't make hasty decisions and you can avoid being unjust to those with whom you work. Be tactful, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Business engagements may take some of today's time. Make sure they are suitable to the day, however.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—An active day in which friendship counts for a great deal. Make new ones; renew old ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Unexpected, albeit fairly favourable changes, will make this day one to remember. Exert your influence.

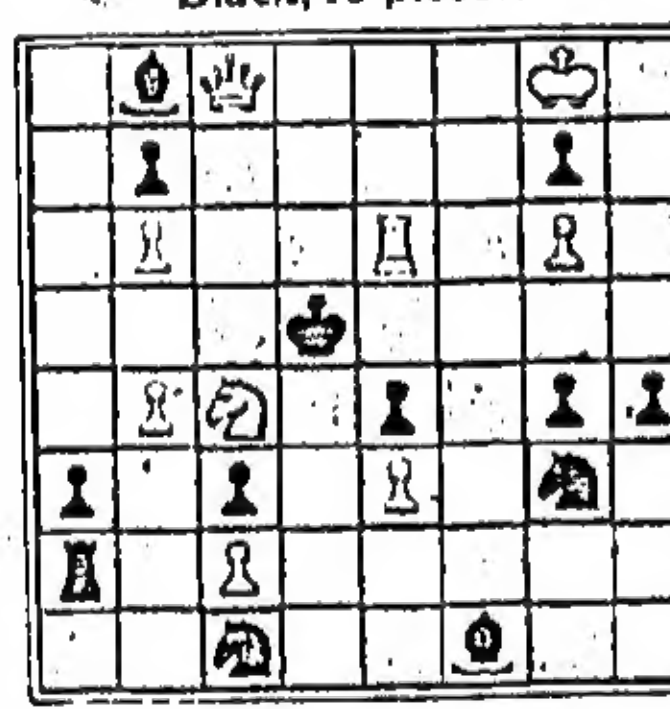
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Romance and business may combine in favourable circumstances right now. Be wise in making decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—More than average care in romance may be yours. Don't let it upset you too much. Fortitude pays off now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—New plans can be pushed. Signs are good for you, so take advantage of them while others must wait.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Seek a new job or better your old one. Other troubles may be turned into your good fortune. Don't gloat!

CHESS PROBLEM

By N. K. MALACHOW
Black, 13 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-c5, any; 2. Q-R, or P (ch, or dis ch) mates.

graph of industrial productivity Suet paused a moment and then said: "Broadly speaking, it is a levelling process, not unconnected with economic factors."

The road to culture

ON entering the house of some friends a man heard the usual appalling radio din. "We seem to have got two stations," said his host. "Euston and St. Pancras," replied the man bitterly.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—

Across: 1. Material; 7. Impress; 10. Amplify; 12. Old iron; 15. Sidney; 16. Ash; 17. A foe; 18. Sans; 21. C.O.; 22. Elsie; 24. Yoke; 25. Tell; 26. Enmity; 27. A.T.S.

Down: 1. Mimosa; 2. Amy; 3. Ermine; 4. Represent; 5. Lifts; 6. Gay; 8. Paddock; 9. Sin; 11. Loyalty; 13. Life; 14. Wheels; 19. Silt; 20. Aye; 23. Sea.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. It means "mountain." 2. Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, so called on account of the number of times they exercised their right of veto on measures passed by the National Assembly. 3. Lord Robert Cecil, afterwards Lord Salisbury. 4. The Vice-President presides over the Senate, and the Speaker over the House of Representatives. 5. Chorography is the written notation of dancing for the ballet. Chorography is the making of maps, showing districts and regions. 6. From an old Hebrew word meaning enemy or adversary. 7. Boer War. 8. Spoken by Juliet in William Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet." Act 3, Scene 2, upon learning of "Tybalt's" death. 9. The flag of Hawaii has the Union Jack in the top left-hand corner. 10. Castle Mountain in Canada has been altered to Mount Elsenhower.

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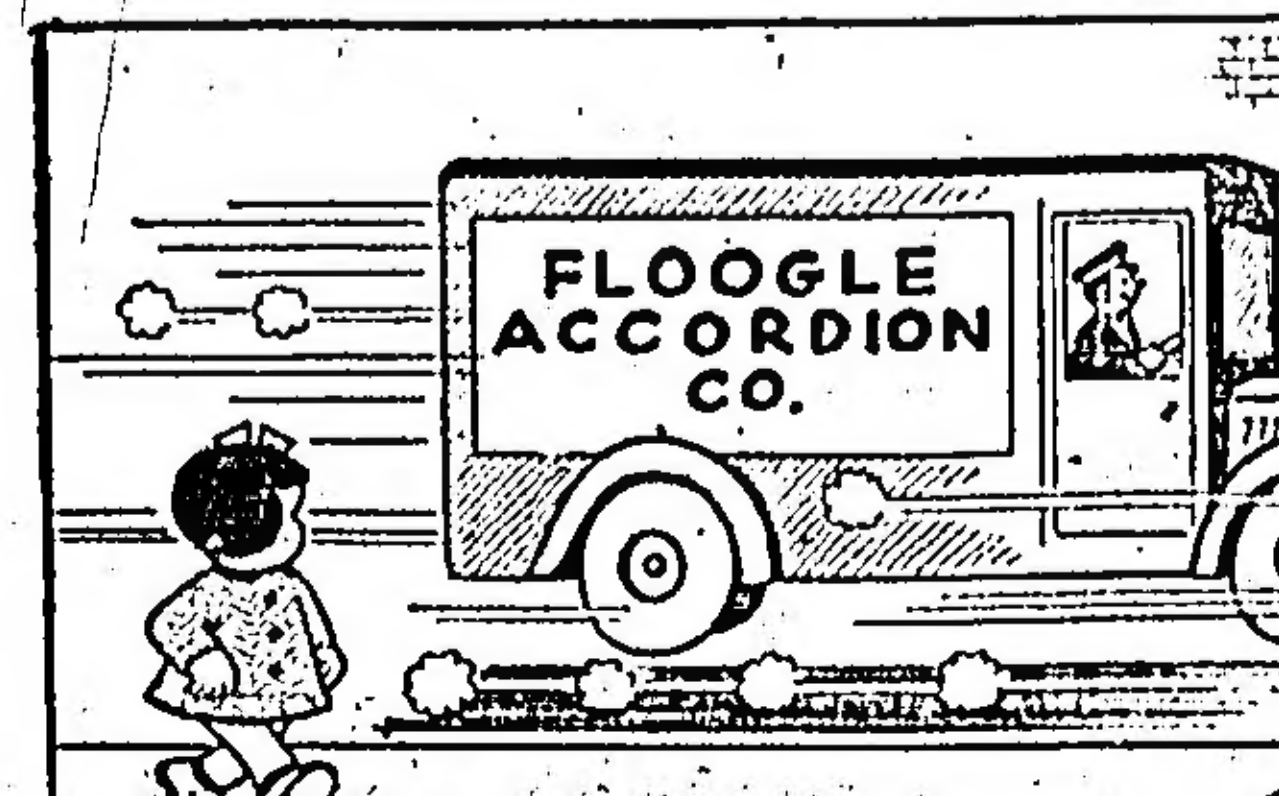
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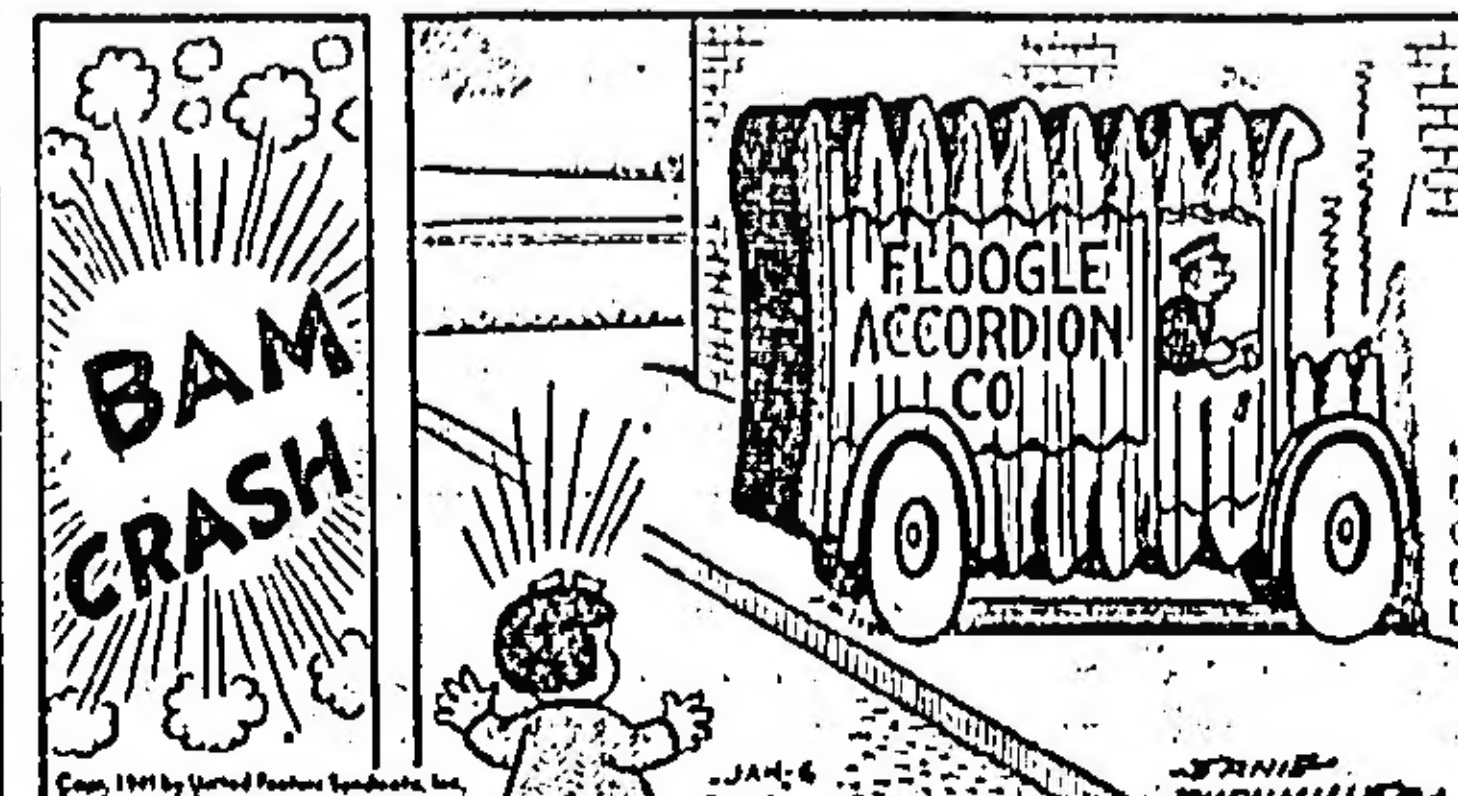
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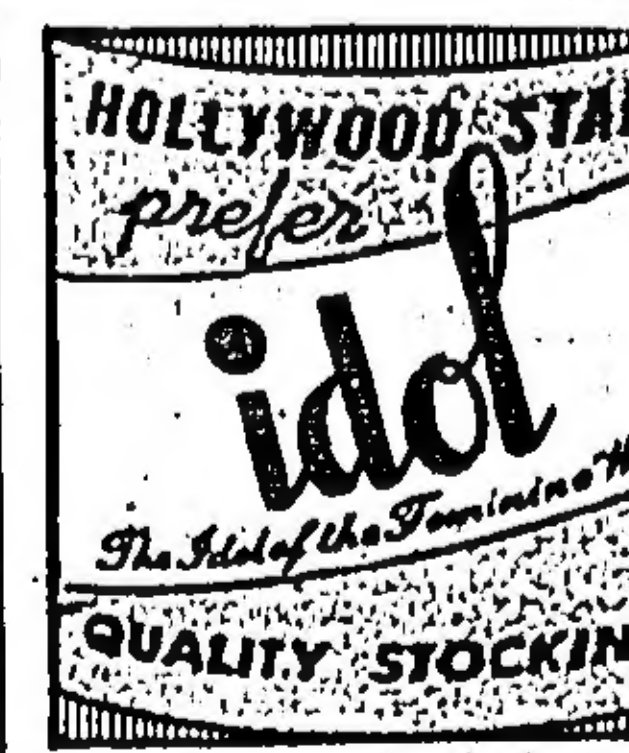
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COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Watching H. A. Ayres & B. T. M. Jones in action in the Colony Open Grasscourt Doubles against Szeto Bick and Choy Tin-wah at Chater Road yesterday, one was inclined to wonder what it was that brought a crowd three deep to watch them in disregard to at least three other good matches on adjoining courts.

Despite the fact that most Chinese Recreation Club players—the backbone of local tennis when all is said and done—admit that they have occasionally lost a friendly match against either member of this Australian-American partnership, it has become more than evident as the current Championships have progressed that neither is or has the makings of a Hongkong champion.

The crowd that stuck loyally to watch—about 90 percent Chinese—was not disappointed. Most will remember with wonder that puerile exhibition that was the first set.

Ayres looked a rank beginner and Jones was worse. Most tennis coaches, watching the two, would have been less exasperated with pupils with some three weeks' racket-wielding to their record.

Ayres, at least, had some excuse for this. It takes a lot to recover after playing a schoolboy in the first round. Jones had none.

Yet, in the second set, Ayres and Jones practically ran Szeto Bick, a seasoned player and the best doubles strategist on the courts yesterday, and Choy Tin-wah, a promising young player

if ever there was one, off their feet. They put on what was, to say the least, a spectacular exhibition. Both are, at a little better than their worst, crowd-pleasing players, the gallery's favourites.

Where the gallery is concerned, both are good entertainment. The pantomime that follows the mistimed stroke wins everybody over. Tsui Yun-pui, by courtesy, is the best of the gallery's favourites. It is that Helen Wills, in the same tournament, would have seemed temperamental.

Throughout that first set of errors, Ayres would look sheepishly at Jones and Jones would look more sheepishly back at Ayres. When they got down to the second, it was a corker, a smashing game that gave Hongkong tennis that type of laugh that it seldom gets.

Both Szeto and Choy were anything but off form. They were playing a game of doubles not far off the best of standards known in these climes. They were up against a type of tennis that only I Koon-hung, with his experience of American tournaments, knows anything about. In the circumstances they fell but they did not collapse.

Both Szeto, the finest player of the four at the net, and Choy, game as ever, adjusted themselves in little time to a game in which the baseline was something lost somewhere way back. They used all the known local tricks of the trade to stem that tide of smashes but, the fact remained, a smash in time saves nine just as a ditch does.

I am inclined to the belief that had Szeto and Choy been confronted with two Americans and two Australians, they would have won.

After that dismal first set, that well-known Austral-American rivalry got working and, when it wasn't a mishit, it was a kill, and it was more often than not just that.

The second set romp-home would have been as effective against the Tsui brothers. The third set was won on a new-born prestige, almost completely lost since the Open Singles began.

In the course of the first set one almost expected Ayres to come up to Jones or Jones to Ayres and announce, for all the gallery to hear, "Now, was that a dud?"

On the strength of yesterday's performance, I will not discount the pair for the Championship, provided, most definitely, there isn't the same first set lost on a warming-up.

One fact remains. Ayres and Jones have played tennis in tournaments in which local tactics as we know them count for nothing at all. They are not in a class with the best that the CRC can produce but, playing a radically different game, they can wipe the best from the CRC off the court, providing the smashes connect.

SOME OTHER GAMES

It was a bad evening for the umpires at Chater Road yesterday as four of the six matches on the programme went to three sets.

Nothing sensationally sparkling was turned up but Kwok Hing-chung and Roch Leung were given a short-lived scare by Ng Yeok-kin and Luis Patricio in a game in which some of the rallies were more spectacular than on the adjoining gallery-crowded court.

The Bakers (T. E. & R. O.) seemed inclined at one stage to run Tsui Ping-fan and Luis Patricio off their feet. That was not to be against a doubles veteran like Luk.

Donald and Norman Lo, up against Pater Familias and M. Heenan, suggested that they were a more promising combination than last year's Los, Kenneth and Thomas.

Even though veteran M. V. Lo was not even quite up to his standard last year, his partner, Heenan, was in top-notch form throughout most of the game and looked like one of the most confident players at the net. I have seen this far this year.

The younger Los survived five set points and climbed up to 2-5 after being led 5-0 in the last set.

DARK HORSES

Lost in the general interest given to the day's feature (Ayres & Jones v. Szeto & Choy) was the rather easy manner in which Lee Boon-sing, the Java player, and T. T. Chen, his partner from Shanghai, disposed of Au Kam-moon and Lee Ching-kit, one of the Colony's better doubles combinations, in straight sets.

Lee & Chen were down 0-5 in the first set but went on to win 7-5, 6-2. Lee has already acquired a local reputation. The fact of his partner being a most reliable player at the net augurs well for their going far in the tournament.

Cricketers tomorrow may gaze with awe at Len Stokes. Partnered by Segalen, he was on the winning side of a 6-0, 6-0 score. That is no mean achievement for a veteran who has already discarded Sunday cricket.

Rugby Union:

Chance For
Wales To
Win Ch'ship

London, Mar. 11.—Victory over Ireland at Swansea tomorrow will give Wales a good chance of winning the International Rugby Union championship—especially if the revived England side beats Scotland—at Twickenham the following Saturday.

The four Home countries would then be level if this happened, but Wales, with a game in hand, would still be able to win the title by beating France in Paris.

A win for France, however, in what would be the deciding match, would result in a five-fold tie, each team having four points.

The position to date is: Ireland and Scotland; four points each; Wales, England and France; two points each. All have played three matches except Wales, who have a game in hand.

Ireland regard the Swansea ground as something of a hothouse, for they have not won there in 60 years. They have visited Swansea 11 times and have won only once—in 1889.

The two countries have met 51 times, Wales having won 30 and Ireland 19, with two drawn. Wales's record at Swansea is considered to be worth at least three points to the home side and Ireland will have to be at the top of their form to win the match.

Ireland fields the same side that beat Scotland but Wales have made one change. The Welsh selectors caused a stir by dropping Glyn Davies in favour of W. Cleaver, the renowned international, for the stand-off half position.—Reuter.

Derby Pay
Record Fee
For Morris

London, Mar. 11.—Derby County today paid a record transfer fee for the signature of the Manchester United inside forward, J. Morris.

Both clubs, although not disclosing the fee, stated that it was a record, and it is believed that the figure approached £25,000.

The previous accepted record fee was the £20,050 paid by Sunderland to Newcastle for Len Shackleton last season, but it has been suggested that Newcastle paid £22,000 to Barnsley last January for George Agblede, the Chilean-born centre forward, out of whom £25,000 for that player and his brother Ted.

Morris declined last week to go to Liverpool, who had agreed to pay £25,000 for his transfer. He cost Manchester United only a £10 sign-on fee, as he joined them from their nursery club at the age of 16. He is now 23.—Reuter.

WEEK-END
SPORT

TODAY

Cricket—First Division League: Recreation v. RAF at King's Park; Scorpions v. Navy at Chater Road; Craigengower v. IRC at Happy Valley; Friendly: KCC v. Optimists at King's Park.

Second Division Friendly: KCC v. Recreation at Cox's Road.

Football—First Division League: RAF v. Army at Sookunpo; Navy v. South China "A" at Causeway Bay; South China "B" v. Eastern at Caroline Hill; KMB v. Club at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division League: Army (Hongkong) v. Navy at Sookunpo; Solicitors v. Kitcher at Causeway Bay; Tramways v. South China at Caroline Hill; Army (Kowloon) v. CAA at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 3 p.m.).

Races—Third Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley. First Saddling Bell at 1.30 p.m.

Softball—At Recreation Ground: Rangers v. Vikings at 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Cricket—Recreation v. Occasionals at King's Park, 11.15 a.m.

Football—First Division League: St. Joseph's v. Police at Happy Valley; Kitcher v. CAA at Caroline Hill (Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division League: PCA v. Talker at Caroline Hill; Police v. KMB at Boundary Street; Club v. St. Joseph's at Happy Valley (Kick-off at 3 p.m.).

Hockey—Association Fixtures: Recreation v. Army at King's Park, 10 a.m.; RAF v. Cable & Wireless at Kal Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Police v. Khalsa at Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; Civil Service v. Navy at King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; Dutch HC v. University at Sookunpo, 10 a.m.; Dockyard RC v. YMCA at King's Park, 10 a.m.

Softball—At Recreation Ground: St. Joseph's v. HKBC, 10.30 a.m. At CDA Ground: Braves v. Joguans, 2 p.m.; Wahos v. Wildcats, 3.30 p.m.

Bevin Heckled
During
London Speech

London, Mar. 11.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said tonight that he had no quarrel at all with the Communist system in the Soviet Union.

"If I give that freedom to them—that there should be no interference with them—I claim the same liberty for Britain," he said.

Mr Bevin, who was addressing a public meeting in his new constituency of Woolwich, South-East London, was met with shouts of "Up Israel" when he rose to speak, but later the crowd heard him in silence.

"I send no emissaries to Russia to cause strife. I have no cells in the Russian trade union movement. Then why are France, Italy and other countries striving to get back on their feet, being continually interrupted for political purposes and aggrandisement in Russia?"

Mr Bevin said that as a result of the Marshall Plan, France was showing great recovery. Italy had also recovered. Starvation had been reduced in Germany.

It had been said there were 4,000,000 armed men in the countries under Russian influence, Mr Bevin declared.

"My attitude has been—and that is the Government's—that we will not create an organisation for aggression, but we will create an organisation to resist aggression."

Mr Bevin then said: "Mark my words. You will find, when the efforts we are now making

Smuts And
Malan Both
Disappointed

Capetown, Mar. 11.—Political sources said today that both Dr Daniel Malan and Field Marshal Smuts were disappointed by the results of the municipal elections.

Dr Malan, whose racial segregation policy has been fought bitterly in Parliament, had hoped for a clear-cut victory so that he could dissolve Parliament and call a general election.

On the other hand, a stronger showing by the United Party would have improved Marshal Smuts' prospects in the next general election.

Marshal Smuts has hopes of being returned as Prime Minister, a post he held in 1912-13 and again from 1939 until the general elections last year.

Despite his age, he campaigned vigorously throughout four provinces.

In any event, the results mean that Dr Malan has little chance to override opposition to his plan to segregate the various native populations according to their culture and place their local administrations under European control.—United Press.

Aintree Scratching

London, March 11.—Actor Hugh Wakenfield's Kilkenny, 100-1 chance for the Grand National steeplechase on March 28, was withdrawn today because he has gone lame.

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HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

First instalment on Monday

Colony Badminton Championships

STANDARD FALLS OFF
OF AN EVENING

By "SIDELINER"

Compared with earlier matches in the tournament, last night's games in the Colony Badminton Championships at the Victoria Recreation Club were dull and listless. On first thought it seemed the cement court was the factor which slowed up the play but the last two games proved that to be wrong.

Unfortunately the last match, a Senior Men's Doubles encounter between M. A. Oliveira & J. J. Remedios against W. F. Foo & Charles Au had to end before the first set was completed. In attempting a smash, Marcus Oliveira slipped and dislocated his left elbow.

Oliveira is a veteran Recreio player of very high standard and on last night's showing he could hold his own against the best of the Colony. The previous badminton and the present Championships owe much to the enthusiasm of Oliveira who is one of the mainstays of the game here. His many friends will be happy to learn that he will be "up and doing" in a few days.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Match of the evening was undoubtedly the Junior Mixed Doubles when the only two "family" pairs in the tournament met each other for the privilege of entering the next round. After a fast and furious game which went the full distance and more, J. A. Soares & Mrs Melville Soares emerged worthy winners from their tussle with W. C. Chung and Mrs Chung at 15-12, 8-15, 10-13.

The first set saw the Soares family lead 6-0, but by dint of hard smashing by Chung in the back court and fine interception by Mrs Chung at the net, the Chinese pair drew level and then led 12-10.

With the Soares combination taking the first set, the second saw the Chungs get into an 8-2 lead through power smashes and accurately placed drop shots. Both ladies were brilliant at this period with Mrs Chung slightly superior in the duels at the net.

The Soares family rallied and brought the score to 8-5. At

League Cricket
Team Averages

Club do Recreio, in addition to having won the First Division Cricket League Championships, are now top of both the First Division League team batting and bowling averages.

The averages now are:

BATTING			
Team	Runs	Wickets	Average
Recreio	1,502	87	20.83
Scorpions	1,124	109	10.49
Optimists	1,039	124	10.32
RAF	1,497	120	12.47
University	1,780	138	12.89
KCC	1,820	144	12.63
Army	1,015	120	12.21
IRC	1,270	116	11.00
Craigengower	1,322	142	9.30
Royal Navy	1,250	136	9.19

BOWLING			
Team	Runs	Wickets	Average
Recreio	1,549	139	11.14
Army	1,497	138	10.19
Scorpions	1,799	140	12.85
University	1,885	141	13.36
RAF	1,788	95	18.82
Optimists	2,032	135	15.01
KCC	1,707	117	14.59
IRC	1,421	95	15.05
Royal Navy	1,901	122	15.57
Craigengower	2,014	118	17.06

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	10	11	3	2	47
Army	10	15	9	3	30
Scorpions	10	15	8	4	35
University	10	10	7	5	33
Optimists	10	10	0	8	30
KCC	10	15	5	0	25
RAF	10	13	3	7	18
IRC	10	13	2	5	16
Royal Navy	10	15	2	11	10
Craigengower	10	14	1	11	0

THE RESULTS

Junior Singles

M. T. Yeow beat H. F. Tai

15-3, 16-5

Ladies' Doubles

Miss Myrtle Silva & Miss Margaret Xavier beat Miss Elvire Corren Tsok & Miss Marie Figueredo 15-0, 15-2

Junior Mixed Doubles

D. C. Lau & Miss Helen Kwong beat C. H. Ngan & Miss Theresa Remedios 15-3, 15-10

J. A. Soares & Mrs Melville Soares beat W. C. Chung and Mrs W. C. Chung 15-12, 8-15, 10-13

Senior Men's Singles

C. K. Lee beat Raymond Young 15-7, 10-5

Ladies' Singles

Miss Ulian Khoo beat Miss Inez Soares 11-2, 11-1